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NEW ONE-WAY TRAFFIC PLAN FOR QUEEN'S ROAD C.

Cricket Club Ground To Be Virtually A Roundabout; Bigger Silent Zone

15 m.p.h. Speed Limit In Congested Areas

The laying down of pedestrian crossings at the more important street intersections in the City area is merely the first and least important of traffic control measures contemplated in the near future, the "Sunday Herald" understands.

A fifteen-miles-per-hour speed limit in the congested areas is one measure. An extensive Silent Zone (when the sounding of horns during certain hours will be prohibited) is likely to be another.

More revolutionary is a proposal to make Queen's Road Central a one-way street, carrying traffic only from east to west, all the way from, roughly, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank building to a point to be selected to the west of the Central Market.

Traffic seeking destinations closer to the waterfront will use such side-streets as Ice House

Petition By Kai Tak Landowners

A request for compensation for those whose land was taken over by the Japanese for extensions to Kai Tak airfield has been put before Government.

A deputation from the "Kai Tak Airfield Landowners Compensation Association" called on the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Chinese Representative yesterday with a petition requesting that Government compensate all those whose property was taken over by the Japanese during the occupation for the purpose of extending Kai Tak Airfield.

The petition suggests suitable compensation should be paid for all furniture, machinery and farming implements seized by the Japanese as well as asking for the allotment of suitable land sites.

It is also suggested that Government should demand compensation from Japan for all war losses.

The petition asserts that compensation received from the Japanese at the time they seized the property was not adequate and that "in any event, compensation should be paid" by Government in view of its continued use of the property so seized.

Messrs. Ho Cheuk-yau, Kwa Chi-man and Ng Chi-fong, who formed the deputation, told the "Sunday Herald" that they were cordially received both by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Chinese Representative and were given a sympathetic hearing.

THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone, similar to the one of Japan, and a ridge of moderate high pressure extends from Japan to the northern part of the China Sea. A vigorous low pressure trough extends from W. China across the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan to the Kuriles. Pressure is also relatively low S of the trough and over the southern trough, extending from Formosa.

Today's Forecast—Moderate S.W. wind, leading to overcast or low overcast with occasional rain and morning fog. Windy, with rain and morning fog.

Yesterday's Weather—Rain, with heavy showers in the morning. Windy, with rain and morning fog.

Minimum 72.5, Maximum 81.5, Rainfall 0.11.

Forecast for 21st—Moderate S.W. wind, leading to overcast or low overcast with occasional rain and morning fog. Windy, with rain and morning fog.

Minimum 72.5, Maximum 81.5, Rainfall 0.11.

Income Tax

Apparently an indication that Government intends to proceed with its income tax plans, the Gazette yesterday announced the appointment of Mr. E. W. Pridmore as Commissioner of Inland Revenue. The appointment dates from Jan. 1 this year.

Former H.K. Spy Said Arrested

Taipei, Apr. 19. Taiwan Garrison Hqs. today announced the arrest on April 1 of a suspected Taiwanese collaborator who had, it is alleged, spied for the Japanese in Hong Kong.

Prior to the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, Yang Lung-shan lived in Peking and later he joined the Secret Service of the Japanese Army in Manchuria.

Yang is said to have led the Japanese in the attack on Shanghai in 1938, after which he went to Hong Kong, Canton and other South Seas area to spy on the Chinese and British military strengths for the Japanese.

During his stay in Hong Kong, Yang set up a company under the name of the Yung Lung-Hong, which was allegedly responsible for the purchase of aeroplane equipment for the Japanese.

After Pearl Harbour, Yang is said to have accompanied a Lieutenant-General of the Japanese Air Force on a military intelligence survey in Hong Kong, Canton, Indo-China, Singapore and the Philippines.—Central News.

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Soviets Taken In By Swindlers

Berlin, Apr. 19. An amicable settlement has ended a big billion swindle perpetrated by international forgers on the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Weissenhof, the Russian sector of Berlin.

A large number of bars of heavy alloy coated with fine gold were accepted by the Soviet state pawnshop in Berlin as genuine "bullion" and paid for with millions of Reichsmarks. Soviet investigations have since discovered that the bars originated in UNRRA Jewish D.P. camps in the American sector of Berlin where thousands of Jews were employed in the gold industry.

Further Apart Than Ever, Says Marshall

Moscow, by phone, Apr. 18. General George Marshall tonight accused Russia of desiring, by its attempt to retain control of German assets in Austria, to establish a puppet regime there.

Russia's Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, snapped back that General Marshall was "manipulating figures." He denied that Russia intended retaining a finger in Austria's economic pie—a charge in which Britain's Ernest Bevin joined General Marshall.

This sharp exchange came in a fruitless debate over the disposition of German assets—the stumbling block in the impasse toward the Austrian treaty. General Marshall's pleas that the Ministers reach a decision "here and now" went unheeded.

After a two-hour debate, they passed over the issue without a decision and went on to discussion of other articles of the Austrian treaty draft. In a special speedup effort, the Ministers decided to meet both morning and evening tomorrow on the Austrian treaty.

Past difficulty has been the big powers' failure to agree on what German assets should be used for reparations.

Jewish Property
General Marshall tonight proposed that these assets be defined as property rights and interests owned on May 8, 1945, by the German Government or German nationals which were: 1) owned by the German Government on March 12, 1938, or 2) acquired after March 12, 1938, by the German Government or by persons then German Nationals.

A provision would add, "if such assets were acquired without force or duress." General Marshall's proposal was designed to protect the property of Austrian Jews and other minorities which were seized by the Nazis after the Anschluss, or for which only token payments were made. Russia opposed such a move because under it she might have to return properties already taken from the Russian zone as reparations.—United Press.

General Marshall's efforts to find a compromise found little or no response from the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov. General Marshall declared that after hearing M. Molotov's comments upon his proposal, "I have the impression that we are further apart than ever."

M. Molotov seems to say that there should be free and independent Austria, but that Austrian economy should be under the control of foreign states, which would control her exports. "If M. Molotov's proposals concerning German assets were accepted, said General Marshall, Austria would simply become a puppet state under foreign domination. The United States could never subscribe to a treaty which resulted in this."

Both Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain) and M. Bidault (France) were ready to accept the new Marshall plan as the basis of further discussion. Mr. Bevin agreed with General Marshall that the essential thing was to get a clear definition of what German assets in Austria really amounted to. No one, he said, was trying to contest the principle that Russia should receive compensation from German assets. Under the scheme proposed by M. Molotov, said Mr. Bevin, the amount of property taken over by the Soviet Union would give Russia control of the Austrian economy.—United Press.

But in London

MOCK FUNERAL

Madrid, Apr. 18. Large forces of police this morning dispersed a crowd of about 1,000 university students who staged a mock funeral procession here for Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish Throne.

The students, who set out from the faculty of Veterinary Science, were carrying a coffin surrounded by mock mourners when the police intervened, breaking up the demonstration.—Reuter.

"Halifax" Missing

Belfast, Apr. 18. A Halifax aircraft on a meteorological flight from Aldergrove, Northern Ireland, is overdue and air and sea rescue action has been arranged by the Royal Air Force.

The aircraft, with a crew of nine, left Aldergrove early this morning to fly a normal tour of 1,600 miles over the Atlantic on a triangular course.

Shortly after leaving, the aircraft signalled that she was experiencing instrument trouble and was returning to base. The missing plane carried petrol sufficient to keep flying until 7 o'clock this evening, but nothing more has been heard from the machine.

Meanwhile, reports from Khartoum, in the Sudan, state

"OPERATION VENDETTA" IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Apr. 18. Unidentified terrorists struck today with bombs and hit-and-run gunfire in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa and Tel-Aviv, apparently getting to an early start in the underground's threatened "Operation Vendetta" in retaliation for the execution of Dov Gruner and three fellow Irgunists.

Tension is high throughout the Holy Land and there are rumours that another declaration of statutory martial law will follow the usual weekend lull.

Tel-Aviv has been placed out of bounds to all British troops except those travelling in armoured cars. Elsewhere troops have been ordered to travel fully armed and only in groups of five or more. The police are to be at their posts day and night.

There is no indication which underground organization staged today's attacks. The first bomb caused considerable damage at the headquarters of Futawa, the semi-military Arab organization in Jaffa.

The second wrecked a police jeep in Jerusalem, seriously injuring one British officer and slightly injuring another. In the running fight which followed, one of the four terrorists who tossed the bomb from a green taxi was killed. The other three, it was reported, and the dead man carried no identification.

Non-Irgun terrorists fired on Army dispatch riders and in Tel-Aviv an Army car with two dispatch riders was hit and one rider seriously injured.

Squads Hunt For Grisly Corpses Danger Of Epidemics In Texas City

Texas City, Apr. 19. Three hundred workers, wearing heavy gloves as protection against deadly infection, worked from dawn to dusk in the city's blasted and charred \$150,000,000 industrial district, assembling charred torsos and limbs which once had been 57 men. At dusk, the area of unparalleled horror and destruction was sealed off for the night.

The day's grisly and sickening finds in the twisted and charred wreckage brought the known death toll to 335. Present indications are that the ultimate death total will be below 500.

Two oil fires sent flames and towering smoke columns into the sky all day while bulldozers pushed aside pieces of chemical buildings, ships, automobiles, factory equipment, telegraph poles and innumerable other items of debris.

All day the brave living, white-faced from the horror of what they encountered practically every minute, have worked in the heavy stench of death, ignoring fires, ignoring everything except their tasks. Each body encountered is a potential menace—a possible starting point of epidemic. Many contagious infection of gangrene and others show the effects of the chlorine gas which escaped during Wednesday's holocaust.

Fires are no longer menacing. They are confined to tanks—consuming the contents of hundreds of barrel of crude oil.

The U.S. Health Service has started hand-spraying in various sections with DDT. Power spraying will arrive next week and the entire town will be decontaminated with the powerful insecticide.

Meanwhile, surviving townsmen are clearing broken glass from the streets, reopening stores, repairing homes and resuming as best they can the outward signs of normal living.

Memorial Service
Today, the citizens will gather in the municipal stadium for a memorial service for the dead.

The Pan-American Refining Corporation, which has properties here, has opened a fund for the rehabilitation of the town by delivering a cheque for \$50,000 to Mayor J.C. Trahan.

Deputy Mayor J.H. Hill asked all residents who left town and could find living quarters elsewhere to stay away for the time being.—United Press.

Compassion
Honolulu, Apr. 19. Charles Remmer, 19-year-old Navy seaman, is en route home today to search for his parents and brother, all of whom were in the vicinity of the Texas City explosion.

Remmer told his Commanding Officer he had been unable to contact any member of his family since the disaster. With the fire taking place in a Navy Air Transport Service plane bound for Corpus Christi, Texas.

The seaman said his father is employed in the Texas City refinery and his brother near the scene of the blast.—United Press.

Jerusalem, April 18. The military court today sentenced two members of the Palestine Arab semi-military Youth Organisation, the "Najada," to 18 months imprisonment for carrying arms.—Reuter.

LATE FLASH

Texas City, Apr. 19. The list of known dead in the disaster here climbed past 500 today as the ceaseless hunt for additional victims of the explosion continued. The Red Cross issued a "known dead" list containing 549 names. Some authorities, however, insisted the list contained duplications. A check by the "Houston Post" and Associated Press, eliminating seeming duplications, reduced the total to 542.—Associated Press.

Quads Born In Salford, Lancashire

London, Apr. 19. Quadruplets—two boys and two girls—were born today at Hope Hospital in the Lancashire town of Salford to 38-year-old Mrs. Marion Lowe.

The babies were placed immediately in special oxygen tents.

The father, Harold Lowe, 34-year-old painter, was informed of the births by a policeman at Leeds. Lowe was on his way to work.

The births took three hours and seven minutes. A hospital attendant said the babies were "too weak and delicate to be weighed." The mother's condition is "satisfactory."

The attendant said it may be 48 hours before the babies are strong enough to be removed from their tents for weighing.

The Lowes have been married 12 months. Twelve sets of quadruplets have been born in Britain during the past 12 years.—United Press.

LORRY STOLEN
Fung Yung-sheng, driver of lorry No. 3133 belonging to the Great China Motion Picture Company, reports that his vehicle was driven away by two Commandos from outside the Cocktail Bar, Nathan Road, at 11.16 p.m. yesterday. The vehicle, valued at \$4,000, had not been recovered up to the time of going to Press.

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CALVET
Claret & White Wines
Vieux Bordeaux
Medoc
St. Emilion
Beaumont Sup.
Beaumont 38
Chateau du Pape
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Sauterne
Bordeaux Blanc
Graves
Graves Dry Select
Pouilly Ferege 39
Chablis 38
Meunault 38
BOUCHARD
Burgundy & White Wines
Beaumont
Beaumont
Pommard
Blanc Village
Dry Pouilly Ferege

Coming Events

April 20—Indian Merchants meeting, H.K. Hotel, 4 p.m.
April 20—Classical Concert at Tai Hing, 8.30 p.m.
April 21—H.K. Land Investment & Agency Ltd., shareholders' meeting, noon.
April 21—British Legion, special meeting, 5.30 p.m.
April 21—Meeting of H.K. Singers, St. John's Hall, 5.30 p.m.
April 22—T.C. 11 Meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8 p.m. Speaker, Mr. Spencer Dunkley on "Kenya".
April 24—Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.
April 24—H.K. Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., shareholders' meeting, noon.
April 25—Police Res. Club opening, 5.30 p.m.
April 26—Fifth Extra Race Meeting.
April 26—K.C.C. Play: "A Woman's Eye View".
April 28—"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
April 28—Police Res. Club meeting, 5.30 p.m.
May 2—C.H.A. Reunion Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
May 7—Dinner to Sir Mark and Lady Young, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Death Of Taikoo Foreman

News has been received from the Captain of the hospital ship "Somersetshire" of the death of Mr. Gilbert H. Stewart, Late Head Foreman Shipbuilder of Taikoo Dockyard, who was 53 years of age, had been in poor health since returning from rehabilitation leave last year and retired a few weeks ago to return home. From information received he died shortly after the ship "Somersetshire" had left Singapore.

Mr. Stewart had been a member of the Taikoo Dockyard staff for over 22 years and during that time had endeared himself to a wide circle of friends who will be grieved and the poorer by his passing.

He was interned at Stanley Internment Camp during the occupation and did most valuable work in the Dispensary at St. Stephens College, always being most obliging, willing and ever helpful both in assisting the Doctors in their work and his fellow prisoners in their ailments.

Mr. Stewart was a keen lawn bowler, a member of St. Andrew's Society and many Clubs.

DROVE WITHOUT LICENCE

Catherine Ho, 28, married woman, and Lai Tung, 22, merchant, were each fined \$100 by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday for a breach of traffic regulations.

SI Fyfe said that at 7.20 p.m. on Friday while patrolling in car along Stubbs Road he saw car, No. 1702, being driven along the road very slowly.

Questioned, the woman admitted being the owner of the car and said she allowed Lai, who had no valid licence, to drive the vehicle.

NAVY'S OPERATION "BIG BANG"

Greatest Man-Made Explosion Since At-Bomb Test

On Board a British Ship off Heligoland, Apr. 18.

The mighty German fortress of Heligoland, guarding the entrance to the Kiel Canal, was erupted today in a Wagnerian scene of smoke and flame when 7,000 tons of explosive buried in its steel and concrete bowels were exploded by radio and electric cables from ships nine miles away.

Precisely on the third of the six pips of the British Broadcasting Corporation's 1 o'clock time signal (11 o'clock GMT) Lieut. Commander Francis Mildred, of the Royal Navy, pressed the button and the naval fortress disappeared in the greatest man-made explosion since the atom bomb burst over Bikini.

"The column of smoke was the biggest I have ever seen," Reuters correspondent wrote. "The full results will not be known until naval experts have examined the island, but it is certain that the maze of emplacements and the U-boat pens which were such a menace to the Allies in the last war, as well as in World War I have been disintegrated."

"The first thing observers on the small Royal Navy firing ship on which I am writing saw was a vast tongue of flame surge outside the island, followed by a massive smoke cloud billowing up to 10,000 feet. "There was a gasp of awe as the European island developed and the dull brown thick smoke cloud, tinged with a strange pale white cloud, surged ever upwards. Nothing was to be seen of the island."

"Powerful binoculars were unable to pierce the smoke screen, but hundreds of pieces of material, presumably concrete chunks from the submarine base at the southern end of the fortress, were hurled thousands of feet into the air."

Extreme Tension

"There were moments of extreme tension prior to the explosion, as a series of small explosions sounded on the island to scare off thousands of wild birds prior to Operation 'Big Bang'."

"Half an hour after the 'demilitarisation' Heligoland was invisible under a funeral pall of smoke which stretched for a distance of ten miles over the sky."

"Scientists who expected a tidal wave were disappointed. Scarcely a ripple disturbed the quietly riding ships nine miles away, although they thrabbled under the shock of the explosion."

"None of the experts aboard the ships were prepared to suggest what happened behind the smokescreen, but more than 100 seismographs throughout Europe recorded the shock through the earth's crust, which a British expert described as 'a definite earthquake'."

"The only living animals known to be on the island when the last party went through half an hour before the explosion were three wild cats and one blue rabbit which the work-

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW NOW

A proclamation issued by the Governor brings into force the Suppression of Robberies Ordinance, 1947. The Ordinance enables capital punishment to be imposed in certain circumstances on persons taking part in armed robbery or assault with intent to rob where the death of a human being takes place in connection with the commission of such offence.

tremendous underground blast from the mass of explosives in the network of the island's tunnels.

All ships' radio transmitters were sealed up four hours before the explosion in view of the danger that their use might prematurely detonate the mined island on the radio firing circuit while the Navy's last-minute men were still on Heligoland.

The awe-inspiring spectacle was watched by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Sholto Douglas, British Commander-in-Chief, Germany; Lieut. General Richard McCreery, General Officer Commanding, British Army of Occupation, and Air Marshal Sir Philip Wiggin, Commander-in-Chief, British Occupation Air Forces.

They were with Vice-Admiral Sir Harold Walker, Commander of the British Naval Forces in Germany, who gave the "all ready" signal—a white flag with red crosses—from his flagship, the warship Dunkirk.

Firework Display
A quivering break in the recording instruments, followed by a mighty roar, told radio listeners in Britain that Hitler's island fortress had been annihilated, London reports say.

One minute and twenty-three seconds after the button had been pushed, earth tremors were recorded at Kew Observatory in London. Fifteen seconds later another small but very clear pulse arrived and the whole seismic disturbances lasted for about two minutes. Sounds and tremors from the mighty blast were also recorded at Göttingen and at De Bilt, in Holland, and even in Switzerland.

A BBC observer in a plane above the island declared: "The whole island jumped in to the air. It was the biggest firework display I have ever seen. It went up with a cloud of masonry like skyscrapers and the sea for half a mile was covered with white splashes as the masonry fell. It was just like Bikini."

"At 11.06 (GMT) the cloud was 8,000 feet high and one mile long and one mile broad. At 11.10 (GMT) an official communiqué announced laconically: 'It is confirmed that the operation was concluded according to plan'."

A high British naval officer said after the explosion: "The north and southwestern tip of the island will have been affected, but it is not expected that the island has disintegrated, as feared by the German population. In the past few weeks."

Full details will not be known until naval parties land on the island over the weekend.—Reuters.

To Be Wed

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:
Peter Cyril Jackson of the Dairy Farm, to Mary Sadie Hannah Padbury, Nursing Sister, Royal Naval Hospital.
Max Friedrich Von Weissenfluk, merchant, living at Church Guest House, Upper Albert Road, to Elizabeth Lee of 84 Macdonnell Road.
Fernando Augusto Perelra Miguel, Second Officer, S.S. "Mucua" to Hilda Anna Laurel, 2 Devon Road, Kowloon Tong.
Charles Oscar Nicholson, Accountant, Rutton, Building, to Lily Greenfield, Helena May Institute.

DISORDERLY

Seen by SI MacDonald near the Snack Bar of the Hong Kong Hotel in Queen's Road Central, shortly after midnight on Friday, interfering with peace, Richard Malarson, 22, Canadian, and Mark Bering, 40, Indian, were arrested and taken to the police station.

Time Waits For No Man

"Time waits for no man," quoth 22-year-old unemployed Li Wah as he calmly walked into the ground floor of 133 Battery Street at 9 a.m. on Friday and helped himself to the clock hanging on the wall.

The occupants, after getting over their surprise at this audacious misappropriation of their property, went hot-foot after the miscreant.

The noise drew Detective Mak Shing nam to the scene. Pausing only long enough to get the low-down on the matter, Detective Mak ran up to the roof in pursuit of the thief. At the top, he found Li hiding on the next roof.

The whole incident was related by S.I. C. J. Askew to Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Li appeared on the charge of larceny of the time-piece. His Worship obligingly gave Li Wah all the time he wanted by sentencing him to six months' hard labour. An expulsion order was also made against accused.

Readers' Letters

T.B.

Sir,—The Hong Kong Anti-T.B. Association gratefully acknowledges the following contributions for the building fund of the Sun Co., Ltd. \$1,000.00, The Sincere Co., Ltd. \$1,000.00, Wing On Co., Ltd. \$1,000.00, China Emporium Ltd. \$1,000.00, E. Ott & Co., Ltd. \$500.00, The Bank of East Asia Ltd. \$1,000.00, Dodwell & Co., Ltd. \$200.00, General Amusement, Ltd. \$200.00, De La Rama Steamship, Ltd. \$100.00, Philippine Airlines Inc. \$100.00, H.K. Sanatorium & Hospital \$100.00, Chun Hing Store \$100.00, Mr. Ho Kai Cheung \$100.00.

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H.E. The Governor & Lady Young \$100.00, Mr. P. Chong (Hongkong) \$500.00, Mr. Y. P. Chong \$100.00, Lady Cripps \$50.00, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ring \$50.00, The President (Livingston) Southern Inc. (N.Y.) \$54.46, Anonymous \$100.00, Miss Ivy Nicol Watkins \$10.00, Major & Mrs. T. W. Stutcher \$20.00, Anonymous \$10.00, Mr. Yung Sui Feng \$100.00, Mr. Hon Chi Liang \$100.00, Mr. Shum Choy Wah \$100.00 and Mr. Chan Wing Pak \$100.00.

In Hong Kong there are over 100 deaths a day. This is stated not to promote a morbid train of thought, but to invite every body to take a personal interest in the greatest single problem of the Colony. Public health is the problem as it is not our own, but the inevitable accompaniment of poverty, ignorance and the bad living habits of people with whom we do not associate, are problems which should receive our sympathetic consideration.

But the high death rate is everybody's business, apart from compassion and public spirit, the problem does affect everybody personally; for infection is no respecter of persons and one's own life would be happier and less expensive to maintain if the menaces to health could be reduced. Most people have come at some time face to face with the tragedy of disease—relatives and friends unaccountably stricken and their lives brought to a premature end. There is no escape from communal responsibility, or if there is, self-preservation insists upon our concerning ourselves with such problems.

Of the diseases which take toll of Hong Kong's population, the most damaging is tuberculosis. In order to demonstrate how serious the menace is, it is desirable to give a few figures. During the years 1938-40, deaths in Hong Kong attributed to the disease totalled respectively to 4,920, 4,443 and 5,751. We therefore beg all to consider whether each can not make a personal contribution towards remedying a state of affairs which can only be described as unsatisfactory.

We propose to build a T.B. Headquarters with a clinic attached and a sanatorium. The clinic will consist of a dispensary and be equipped with an up-to-date mass radiography unit, guaranteeing speedy examinations of patients and the sanatorium would be a haven to T.B. patients. Although the greater part of the service will be provided free by the Hong Kong Government and the members of the H.K. Anti-T.B. Association, it has been decided for further reducing running expenses that members of the services will also get their examination at this Institute. Only residents of Hong Kong will be treated as this clinic, as it would be impossible to provide for the time being, facilities for the examination of patients from other parts of the colony.

Local estate, sworn under \$220 was left by the Rev. John Horman Taylor Holman, late of No. 5 Kew Gardens, Bern, Switzerland, who died on Nov. 15, 1942. Application for the sealing of a certified copy grant of Probate of the Will, with Codicil, has been granted to the Rt. Rev. Ronald Owen, Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong.

Mr. Malcolm Warrack, late of No. 7 Oxford Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, who died on Dec. 18, 1945, left local estate sworn under \$23,200. Application for sealing of a certified copy, of Grant of Confirmation Nominata, of the Executors of the Will of the deceased has been granted Mr. John Alexander Duke Morrison, Chief Accountant.

Application for sealing of certified copy grant of Probate of the Will of the late Mr. William Brown, Storekeeper, who died at No. 17 Abercrombie Street, Townsville, Queensland, Australia, on June 6, 1945, leaving local estate sworn under \$22,400, has been granted to Mr. Donald Britton Evans, Solicitor.

Some Of Our Local Friends?

Kunming, Apr. 19.—Twenty two persons, including members of the Provincial Political Council, were wounded when a bomb was hurled into the Nanping Theatre here at 9.20 p.m. yesterday during a special motion picture presentation given for Council members.

No arrests have yet been made.

At noon yesterday, the management of the Theatre received a letter demanding CN\$20,000,000 which was to be placed on seat No. 10 of the eighth row of the stalls within a week and threatening "the most destructive bomb" for non-compliance. The theatre immediately reported to the police and asked for protection. Police authorities are investigating the Nanping Theatre which was considered the best equipped and furnished cinema in Free China during the war.—Central News.

Bought His Licence From A "Friend"

A traffic summons for obstruction served on the right licensee but wrong offender led to the arrest of the unlawful possessor of the licence and the right offender, said DSI W. G. Morrison in Mr. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday when Yau Kam-ming, 31, was charged with the possession of a forged motor driver's licence on April 17.

According to the prosecution, Mok Kam-sui reported on Oct. 31 last that a burglary had taken place in his house and that among the articles stolen was his driver's licence No. 1831. A duplicate licence was issued to him by the Traffic Department.

At about 8.25 p.m. on Mar. 26, taxi 4651 was at Hillwood Road, Kowloon, when a traffic officer went up to the driver and told him that he would be summoned for obstruction. The driver, when asked to produce his licence, showed the officer licence 1831 on which the licensee's name was given as Mok Kam-sui, and the address as 20 Percival Street, first floor.

When the summons was served on April 16, Mok informed the Traffic Department that he was not the man who committed the offence. On the following morning, Yau was sent for and asked to produce his licence. He again produced licence 1831.

A careful scrutiny of the licence revealed that Yau's photo had been pasted over the space allocated and that the Traffic Department stamp had been completed by pen and green ink to cover the photo. DSI Morrison added that "accused had been using the name of Mok in all cases of driving employment. When questioned, Yau claimed that he had bought the licence from "a friend" for \$150. This friend could not be found.

Defendant was fined \$150 or four months' hard labour in default.

Teacher Fined For Caning Girl Too Hard

Hon Tan-ching, 29, teacher of the Chun Yin Girls' School, 182 Lockhart Road, second floor, was charged before Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday with overdoing her duty as a school teacher on April 15 by caning heavily a seven-year-old student, Fung Wai-ying.

Pleading guilty, she said she caned but not very heavily the girl twice on her leg with a feather duster because she stole books and other articles belonging to another student.

The girl, who was in Court, showed the Magistrate her leg which bore marks.

After looking at the marks, His Worship remarked to defendant that she must have used considerable force as the marks were still showing four days later. The Magistrate told defendant that she should not have used more force than necessary to punish the girl though a teacher was allowed to punish students to a certain extent. If the girl did anything like stealing, His Worship told defendant that she should report it to the girl's parents.

To the Magistrate, defendant said the girl, sitting next to Fung, had lost books and other articles on many occasions previously. The girl's parents had made complaints about the thefts and subsequently she warned the class that any student caught stealing would be caned.

Mr. d'Almada: "If you were satisfied that she did steal you should have reported to her parents or have her expelled from the school. There is no doubt that in this case you used more force than necessary. Though there might be a good reason in your opinion for doing so, you are still wrong."

A fine of \$20 was imposed on defendant.

OPIMUM DEN ARRESTS

Two raids conducted by a party of Police, under DSI C. Dowman, in the Shamshuipo district on April 16, led to the arrest of the two keepers and 10 smokers, and the seizure of seven lamps, five pipes and about six mace of prepared opium.

Yat Tong, 22, and Lai Cheung, 27, keepers at the den, at 311 Tai Nam Street, first floor, were arrested, and fined \$150 each on the keeping charge. Lau, with two mace of opium, was fined an additional \$20, while Lai, with 1.5 mace, was fined on the same sum of \$40. Mr. Dowman said the den was a "very bad" one.

Boy Scouts Farewell To Their Chief

The continual down-pour yesterday failed to dampen the spirits of the Boy Scouts who rallied for a parade in the Botanical Gardens for the dual purpose of commemorating St. George's Day and bidding farewell to the Chief Scout, Hong Kong, His Excellency the Governor.

On his arrival, Sir Mark Young was met by the Commissioner, Bishop Hallward. After the playing of the National Anthem by the Band of the 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regt., (by kind permission of Major-General C.W.E.J. Erskine, C.B., D.S.O.), His Excellency then inspected the parade.

The presence of the official party on the platform was the signal for the Cubs to give voice to a "Grand Howl" after which Mrs. Booker was presented with Medal of Merit.

Welcoming His Excellency, the Colony Commissioner said:

Four Reasons

"We are met today for four reasons. First to remember St. George, the Patron Saint of all Scouts, and of chivalry and in doing so we have reminded ourselves of our duty as Scouts by listening to a recital of the Scout Law and by a solemn renewal of the Scout Promise. May we all go forth from today's parade determined to do our best to be better Scouts."

"Secondly, we have met to do honour to Mrs. Booker and to congratulate her on the award of the Medal of Merit. Her work amongst us for nearly 20 years in the interest of Scouting generally and for Well Cubs in particular is well known to you all and we all of us feel, I am sure, that her award is really deserved."

"Thirdly, this parade has given us an opportunity to remind ourselves that as Scouts we are not just a number of isolated Packs, Troops and Crews but a big fellowship linked up with hundreds of thousands of brother Scouts throughout the world. We belong to an International Brotherhood pledged to take its part in the rebuilding of a better world."

"Last, but not least, we welcome this opportunity of being able to say a very big and sincere 'Thank You' to His Excellency Sir Mark Young, our Patron and Chief Scout for the keen interest that he has always taken in the Scout Movement in Hong Kong. In your name I extend to him our heartfelt good wishes for a pleasant journey home and many years of Good Scouting."

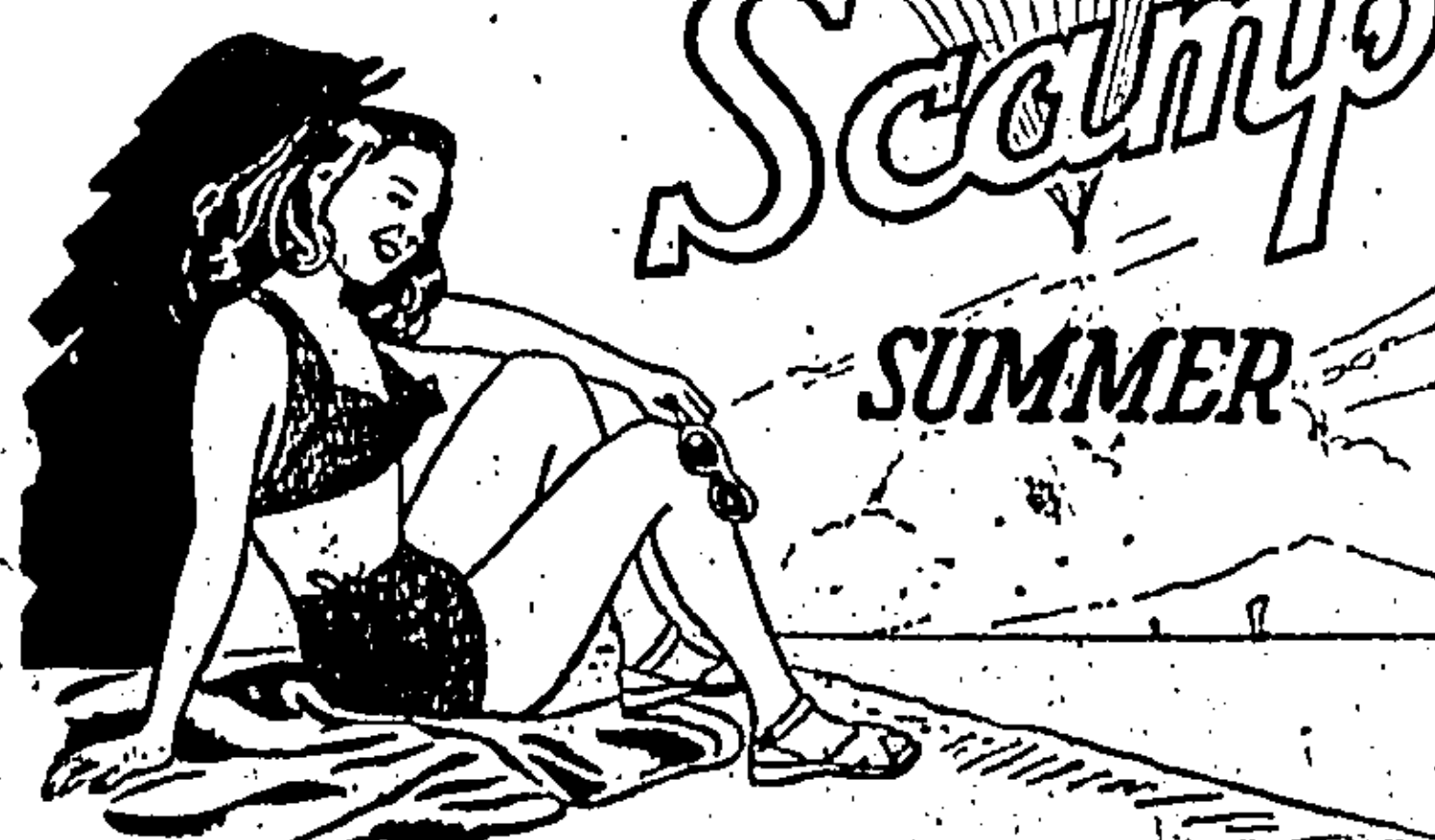
Last Message

Sir Mark expressed his regret that it would be the last time he would address the Hong Kong Scouts. As a farewell message, he could think of nothing better than to quote the message that he received yesterday morning from the Chief Scout of the Empire, Lord Rovanian: "There are many dragons in the world today, seeking to whom they may devour. Dragons of hatred, jealousy and selfishness. The Scouts of the world must face these dragons with the same courage and determination which inspired St. George (of old). Let us therefore go forth to slay the dragons and bring peace and happiness to mankind."

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Used Force, Get Cane

Kwan Pak-yin, 19, and Chan Ping, 22, two hoodlums who did not hesitate to use force against their victim, were sentenced to six months' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecuting S.I. C. J. Askew stated that as Mrs. Marsden came out of a bakery at Nathan Road, near Halphing Road, one of the two men who had been following her grabbed her by the wrist and snatched her gold wristwatch. So much force was used that Mrs. Marsden was pushed on to the ground.

The other man, said the prosecuting officer, attempted to strike away the watch with a stick, but failed, but failed to do so.

A Chinese detective, who was on duty at that time (9.30 a.m. on April 18) and who had his eyes on the two accused, immediately gave chase and took the culprits into custody after they had been intercepted by Cpl. Board, R.A.S.C. who was passing by in a "Utility" lorry.

Appointed

The following appointments were gazetted yesterday:

Mrs. Margaret Robertson, President of the Central British School Parents' Association, to be a member of the Board of Education.

Commander W.H.L. Harrison, Superintendent of Prisons, has resumed duty.

Miss A.G. Greig, Miss D.E. Marchbank and Miss H.M. Johnston to be Mistresses, Education Department.

Mr. J.G. Cotterworth to be a member of the Port Executive Committee.

Mr. N. Garland to be a Marine Magistrate.

Mr. G.W. Stewart to be an Assistant Financial Secretary (Exchange Control).

Inspector B.P. Thorpe has ceased to be Deputy Immigration officer.

Chief Inspector J. O'Donovan and Inspector John Mitchell to be Assistant Immigration Officers.

Mr. W. Ritchie and Mr. C. Mottram to be Assistant Superintendents of Police.

Mr. R.S. Smith has ceased to act as Assistant Crown Solicitor.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.62 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Variety.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.35 p.m.—English Interlude.
1.40 p.m.—With Brahms.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—London Transcription Service "The London Radio Orchestra".
7.00 p.m.—Variety.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: Local News Round-Up.

7.45 p.m.—Variety (Cont'd).
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Piano: Parades Vladimir Horowitz.
8.30 p.m.—London Transcription Service "Man of Property" No. 7 by John Galsworthy, adapted by Muriel Levy.

8.50 p.m.—London Transcription Service "The Lamb" The BBC Singers, conducted by Leslie Woodgate.
9.15 p.m.—ZBW "Proms"—No. 65.
Beethoven....Cello and Oboe.
Beethoven....Sonata in G Major.
Tchaikovsky (Piano)....Kreutzer (Violin).
Schubert....Symphony No. 8 in D Minor "Unfinished" London Symphony Orchestra.
Rachmaninoff....Concerto No. 3 in G Minor Rachmaninoff and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
Mozart....St. Paul's Suite, Jacques Strine, Orchestra.

10.45 p.m.—Studio: Sunday Evening.
Eloquence, Conducted by Rev. Clifford Davies, with St. John's Cathedral Singers.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



Farewell Message To Medical Dept.

It was announced by the Colonial Office yesterday that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Dr. Percy Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke, C.M.G., M.C., M.D., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Director of Medical Services, Hong Kong, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Seychelles, in succession to Sir Marston Logan, K.B.E., C.M.G., who is retiring from that appointment.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, who only a few days ago received from His Excellency the Governor the insignia of the C.M.G., conferred on him for his services to internees and others during the occupation, is expected to leave the Colony in the near future to take up his new appointment.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke was educated at Bedales and St. Bart's Hospital Medical School, London University. He became Resident Medical Officer and Assistant Anaesthetist at St. Bart's Hospital, and in 1916 joined the R.A.M.C. He was appointed Medical Officer, 285th Brigade, R.A.F. and later became Medical Officer, Queen Victoria Rifles. He was promoted captain in the last year of World War I and in the same year won the Military Cross.

In 1919 he was appointed M.O.H. Colonial Medical Service, Gold Coast. He was Senior Health Officer and became Langley Memorial Prize winner in 1921. Four years later he won the Médaille en Argent des Épidémies, and the same year he was Gold Coast delegate to the Yellow Fever conference at Dakar. He was appointed Assistant Director of Health, Gold Coast in 1929 and was the Gold Coast delegate to the Pan-African Health Conference at Johannesburg in 1935.

The following year he became Deputy Director of Health Services, Nigeria, and in 1937 came to Hong Kong as Director of Medical Services. He was appointed a member of the Legislative Council the following year, and in 1937 became a member of the Executive Council and President of the Hong Kong and South China branch of the British Medical Association.

Farewell Message

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke issued the following farewell to colleagues of the Medical Department yesterday:

"By command of His Excellency the Governor, Dr. Isaac Newton, F.R.C.S., Edin., L.R.C.P., Lond., M.R.C.S., Eng., D.M.S., will act as Director of Medical Services as from April 24, 1947, when I leave Hong Kong by air for the United Kingdom en route to the Seychelles, to which Colony it has pleased His Majesty the King to approve my appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

"On the eve of my departure, I wish to take the opportunity of expressing to every member of the Hospital and Dispensary, Health, Investigation and Social Welfare services of this Colony my warmest gratitude for their outstanding, loyal and self-sacrificing work during the nine years that it has been my good fortune to serve as Director of Medical Services.

"The remarkable degree of return to nearly normal conditions of the medical and social services is due in large measure, to the splendid team work of all members of the department. It has resulted in the Colony enjoying the lowest proportion of deaths per thousand of the population and the greatest saving of life in babies under one year, combined with the highest level of general health and nutritional standard ever to be found in the records of Hong Kong.

"There are, of course, many battles still to be fought against suffering and preventable disease, particularly against

Luis Chan To Exhibit

Mr. Luis Chan is busily preparing his 6th one-man exhibition to take place early next month.

Mr. Chan employs both oil and watercolour media, being a hard worker, as well as a serious artist, remember the number of one-man shows he has held in the past besides participating in the Annual Exhibitions of the Hong Kong Art Club and the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild.

During the enemy occupation, he stayed in the Colony until six months before the end, when he went to Macao and produced quite a number of watercolours and oil paintings which will form part of the entries in the coming Exhibition.

Obtaining By False Pretences

Pleading guilty to obtaining \$90 from Dr. Koo Chan-Kit, of No. 16, Wing Hing Street, by false pretences on April 15, Luk Ho, 31, carpenter, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

According to the prosecution, defendant was sent by a contractor to Dr. Koo's house to do some white washing. While doing the work, defendant told the doctor that he could also repair furniture and, as a result, he was given a few pieces of furniture to repair.

On April 15, defendant asked the doctor to give him \$50 to purchase materials for repairing the furniture. He was given the money. The following day defendant again asked for \$50 for a similar purpose but was given \$40 only.

Defendant signed a receipt for the \$90, after which he failed to appear until the police, on being informed by the doctor, arrested him.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Richard B. Fisher, Yancy C. Graham, Harry Wing, D.L. McIntyre, T. Kevin Mallen, D. de Jazartine, J.E. March, G.S.A. Vine, C.K. Crookshank, Miss Gertrude Crane, Mrs. P.J.H. Bunton, Ernest L. Heidkamp, G.F. Stockley and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hill.

Peninsula departures:—Mrs. A. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Calvert, Miss E. Lam, P. McCabe, George Collins, Mrs. L.B. Allen, Miss M. Vorasani, Miss K.S. Luen, Miss P. Chulavarak, Sarah O. Olsen, W.L. Baird, Lt. Roy F. Watts, Lt. J.D. McGovern and C.E. Crosthwaite.

The following left Hong Kong aboard the England-bound BOAC Dragonair Service (aircraft yesterday morning): D. McIntyre, Miss H.M. Porter, G.E. Stockley, Brigadier A.G. Wills, L.C. S.O. Graham and Captain for Karachi, Don Fraser; for Calcutta, C.A. Akinwale and Mangfield; for Rangoon, K.W. Kellenberger and G.A. Scott.

Next Tuesday's meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will be a business meeting for members only, and will be held at the usual place and time.

Commandant and Vice-President in war and peace.

I am confident that under the Presidency of His Excellency the Governor and with the guidance of the Commissioner, members of the Advisory Council and the Officers of the Association and Brigade, including our energetic Secretary, Mrs. Holmes Brown, the Brigade will increase in strength and usefulness.

With many thanks to my fellow councillors and to all units of the Brigade for their courtesy and valuable co-operation at all times.

I am,
Your sincerely,
(Sd.) P.S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Vice-President,
St. John Ambulance Association & Brigade.

Tell Us About It

By EDGAR MARTIN



POLICE FORCE AWARDS

A lengthy list of members of the Hong Kong Police Force, both foreign and Chinese, who have been granted awards for long service, was published in the Gazette yesterday.

The recipients are:—
Second Star to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal: Cantonese Contingent—Ip Chak, Lam Kwan, and Wung Ki.

First Star to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal: European Contingent—A.W. Smith, J.C.B. Fender, F.T.J. Votallion, C.R. Rosebury, J.R. McWalter, R.C. Saunders, L.R. Whelan, F.D.B. Tuckett, R.P. Thorpe, W.J. Nollath and G.W. Morison.

Cantonese Contingent—Chan Siu Ping, Yau Chung, Lu Muk, Lam Choi, Yiu Hong Ling, Tse Yuk, Lo Kwong, Yau Wai, Pang Chi, Chan Tai, Lau Doo, Wong Yat Ming, Im Ki, Man Wan, Wong Kik, To Yung, Lau Kuen, Mok Yick, Lam Yee.

Colonial Police Long Service Medal: European Contingent—G.D. Smith, P. Harnie, R.F. Oliver, C.B. Madwick, W.N. Dinkin, T. McMahon, W.N. Head, A.R. Brittain, T.A. Hughes, J. Green, C. Darlington, F.J. Clark, B.G. Baker, W.N. Winslade, A. Kinser, J. Berlin, W.L. Clark, R.J. Clarke, F.W. Fowle, C. Mottram, C.T. Byron, L.K. George, F.H.J. Kelly, R.R. Ellis, G.C. Taylor, J. Fell, A. Wallington, F. Nolan, A.P. Fattali, H.N. Moran, L.C. Pennell, J.H. Cordoux, A.E. Danks, W.P. Delahunt, W. McLeod, T. McInnes, J. Allen, J. Woon, G.P. Yoon, J.A.R. May, J. Hill, F.F. Russell, W.L. McKee, J. Hild, J.W. Gowans, W.W. Williamson, J. Shepherd, T.G. Mackay, D.A. Pockson, N.B. Fraser, W.B. Dail, T.R. Hunter, G.H. Alexander, P.D. Gault, J.F. Galt, M. Hea, Clark, G.A. Carruthers, D.J. Davies, M. Matkinson, J.G. Whitcroft, J.R. Bentley, O.P. Hower, H. Danrowsky, M.P. Rogers, F.W. Simpson, J.F. Hill, E. Franks, A.G. Green, C. Wilkes.

Cantonese Contingent—Lau Fuk, Lam Hon, Chan Tung, Hui Ching, Cheung Wong, Lai Luk, Leung Yunk, Chan Bau, Hung, Lai Ting, Chan Piu, Kwok Wai, Man Ho, Leung Hung, Lam Chai Kan, Chan Ki, Tsang Cheung, Lai Lun, L.L. Shing, Tsang Bau, Chan Koon Shing, Ng Pang, Chow Ting Chuen, Li Wai On, Tse Yung, Lam Ching, Cheung Yau, Lau Chiu, Cheung Chui, Yu She Chai, Tang Bok, Cheung Wing Kam, Chen Kwok, Yau Chiu, Fung Yu, Lai Shui, Li Yu, Au Poon Chan, Yau Chuen, Wong Keng, Hui, Sun, Yeh Wai, Lau Chai, Lau Ching, Chan Yung Fong, Yau Kwai, Chan Shun, Lau Pang, Yan Ben, Li Bhan, Fong Shui, Ho Yung, Tsang Chuen, Tse Kwai, Lai Cheung, Cheung Chuen, Chan Lin, Yuen Sum, Lai Wo, Shum Shui, Lau Fook, Tse Yung, So Hing, Tsang Chuen, Yau Cheuk, Pui, Chan Kwong, Yung Chuen, Li Ming, Cheung Lam, Li Wong, Wong, Chang, Fung On, Chui Ching, Wong Fan, Wong Ming, Cheung Yung Lok, Lo Wai, Yung Kwai, Chung Yau, Lau Lun, Luk Fan, Siu Yan.

Wei Hai Wei Contingent—Chiang Yung Chiu, Li Tien Pao, Chang Yu Hsing, Wang Chi Ching, Chang Tai Ming, Wang Hui Chao, Nish Hsien Hsueh, Chiang Ping Shou, Chiang Liang Chen, Liang Ping, Hui Ching, Pu Wang Wen Shan, Chiang Hui Ching, Wang Chuen Lin, Chiang Yuen Chiu, Wang Chiu Tang, Chiang Wen Hsien, Chang Wan Shu, Yau Pen Sheng, Chang Yung Lin, Hui Shing, Chang Yung, Li Ming, So Hing, Tsang, Wang Kih Yee, Ku Meng Chao, Chi Meng Yi, Kwang Hsueh Din, Chang Fung Yin, Li Hsien Chang, Chao Wan, Sun Shao Wu, Li Ming Chai, Sung Yau, Shien, Kwang Chen Hai, Liang Ho Kwai, Liang Shao Ting, Ku Yuen Tung, Ku Yuen Lung, Ting Ta Lun, Ku Yuen Liang.

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FORGERY MADE EASY

Some Ball-Point Pens Are Dangerous

Discovery in Australia of the possibility of easy forgery arising from the use of some types of ball-point fountain-pens has caused consternation among businessmen, bankers, and police.

Following confidential discussions, the manager of a leading Sydney bank said he would call a meeting of bankers to discuss what protective measures may be possible.

After a "Sunday Sun" representative had demonstrated at Police Headquarters the simple

AN EXACT RE-PRODUCTION IS OBTAINED BY THE HAND'S PRESSURE.

A FAKE SIGNATURE IS STAMPED BY A MOIST HAND WHICH HAS FIRST BEEN PRESSED ON THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

city with which a cheque could be faked, the CID Scientific Bureau acknowledged that it had carried out similar tests and proved the ease with which fraud could be perpetrated.

Police Superintendent S. McCarthy, after witnessing the demonstration and consultation with Inspector Rogers of the Scientific Bureau, said: "All I will say is that the implications appear to be very wide and disturbing."

The tests were made with two different makes of ball-point pens.

It is suggested that buyers or users of this type of pen would be well advised to make tests to see if the writing by their particular pen can be transferred in this way, and, if so, to guard against using it for purposes which could make fraud possible.

Accidental Discovery

The discovery was first made by accident by Mr. G. M. Will-

more, of Willmore and Randall, Spring-street, Sydney, who had bought two dozen of the pens for use by his staff.

He found that the moist heat of his hand would transfer his signature from one document to another.

"The signature was a little fainter, but quite legible, the possibilities opened to fraud were immediately obvious," said Mr. Willmore.

As a test, before four witnesses, Mr. Willmore wrote a cheque for £5.

He then transferred his signature from a letter to the cheque by mistaking the edge of his palm and pressing it first on the signature and then on the cheque form.

The cheque was handed to a newspaper representative, who took it to Mr. Willmore's bank, passed it to the ledger-keeper, who initialled it, and the reporter then crossed the banking chamber and handed it to the paying teller, who paid over five £1 notes.

Although the signature was fainter than the other writing in ordinary ink, both bank officials passed the cheque without hesitation.

No Hesitation

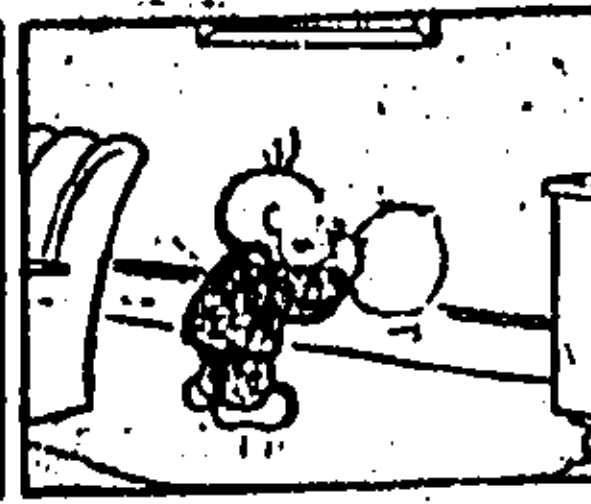
Later, Mr. Willmore said, "These pens are excellent for some purposes, but the possibilities of their use in fraud are so great that we have withdrawn them from our staff."

"For the benefit of the public, there should be a general warning of how easily cheques and other documents could be falsified. My bank manager has thanked me for exposing the danger to banks created by this type of pen, and has taken the matter up with his head office."

His Nibs



By Charles



MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

At one time or another I saw a good deal of the new King of Greece and his brother, the late King George. Both monarchs had spent many years in this country. Both knew England and the English language like very few foreigners. King Paul, ten years younger than his brother, has hitherto taken little interest in politics, and his success or failure will depend largely on the men whom he will choose as his advisers.

The late King George was also not enamoured of politics, although he had a shrewd and broad-minded knowledge of political problems. He had also little wish to be a monarch and no desire to return to an uneasy throne. Indeed, when the time came, he was so reluctant to leave England that considerable pressure had to be exerted to persuade him to go back to Athens.

It is always difficult to assess the chances of anyone in a new role until he has proved himself, but my own estimate is that King Paul has yet to acquire the poise and tolerance of his brother. He has, however, one great admirer in Field-Marshal Smuts, who saw much of him during the new King's residence in South Africa after the German occupation of Greece. The Field-Marshal's opinion is worth having, for he is no mean judge of a man's character and ability.

The First Planners

It is eleven years almost to the very day since General Sir Leslie Hollis, now Chief Staff Officer to the Minister of Defence, joined the Committee of Imperial Defence. His first day—it was the first of April, 1936—tested his mettle.

Hitler had just invaded the Rhineland, and the Cabinet requested the Chiefs of Staff to produce a report by 3 p.m. The Chiefs of Staff, in their turn, instructed the Joint Planners, represented by the late Admiral Tom Phillips, Air Marshal Sir

Arthur Harris and General Sir Ronald Adam, to prepare a report by 2 p.m.; and the Joint Planners with admirable sang froid ordered their deputies, whose names had better remain anonymous, to submit a report by 1 p.m.

General Hollis, then a major, was secretary of the meeting. At that time planning in the modern sense of the word was in its infancy, and the deputy Planners, new to their job, turned to the secretary and asked him how they should proceed. "Well," said General Hollis modestly, "I suppose we put down the strength of the Ger-

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mans. Then we assess the combined strength of the French and the British. And, having done that, we add up the sum and make an appreciation."

A beam of sunlight transformed the serious faces of the deputies. "By Jove," they said in unison, "this man knows all about planning. Hollis, you prepare this blank-blank report. And here's where we go out to luncheon."

By dint of smithing, he becomes a smith. From having, single-handed, to produce a plan, General Hollis has reached the first flight of planners.

A Great Ten-Miler

During the past week I spent a few days in Yorkshire, and among other places visited Scarborough, the mountain nursery of great "rugger" players and long-distance runners. For the first time for many years, if not, indeed, in the school's long history, the famous Ten-mile "run" was cancelled this term.

The "run," if not the longest in school cross-country, is certainly the stiffest for the course is over the fells and is a fierce test of fitness. Every boy that enters for it has to be "vetted" periodically, including the day of the race, by the school doctor. Known or un-

known to the masters, all Yorkshire bets on the race. This year the severe winter made training impossible.

In spite of all the improvements of modern technique the record for the "run" is fifty years old and is still held by that remarkable all-round athlete and scholar, Mr. C. E. Pumphrey. That he should have won the cross-country for Cambridge every time he ran against Oxford is nothing. That in addition he should have won a scholarship, gained a "rugger" blue as a speedy wing three-quarter, and in an era when Cambridge were remarkably rich in sprinters just missed a blue for the hundred yards, is, I think, a unique achievement in British sport.

Mr. Dodds Coming?

In connection with athletics, I note that with typical thoroughness the Americans are already beginning to prepare for next year's Olympic Games. They have a formidable champion for the middle distances, where we used to be supreme, in one Gilbert Dodds who has already done wonderful times for the half-mile and the mile.

Whether we shall see him in London is an open question. Mr. Dodds, aged twenty-two, is a very serious young man who has joined the Torrey Johnson Evangelist group in Los Angeles. He neither smokes nor drinks. He prays before every race and is now training, not for the track, but for the pulpit. Many Americans are alarmed lest he abandon running altogether.

Many English sportsmen will recall the parallel of that magnificent athlete, the late Eric Liddell. In 1924 he won the Olympic Quarter in Paris, but forfeited his chances in the Hundred because he would not run on a Sunday. Fortunately the race was won for Britain by the redoubtable Harold Abrahams.

Liddell, a Scottish "rugger" war-

If You Had Been a Soldier 400 Years Ago — Here's Your Life

By CHARLES CRUICKSHANK

Food looms large on the private's horizon in any age. There is no doubt that where rations are concerned the soldier of today is incomparably better off than his distant predecessor, who had no tins of self-heating soup, no concentrated foodstuffs scientifically designed to provide maximum energy, who had not even access to such a delicacy as "desert chicken."

The private in the sixteenth century had to be content with the simplest of fare—oatmeal, peas, beans, bread, butter and cheese, with an occasional meat or fish ration. Even so the quantities dished out to him would turn the post-war housewife green with envy.

A typical day's ration for one man would include a pound and a half of bread brightened up with half a pound of butter, while on Sundays a couple of pounds of salt beef were thrown in.

If beef could not be found, each private could hope to sit down to eight herrings, or a whole cod.

Liquid

Liquid rations were provided on an equally generous scale. A man could quench his thirst with a quart of beer daily and half a pint of sack—Falstaff's favourite tipple—supplemented every other day with half a pint of whisky. It was commonly accepted that beer was an essential item in the soldier's diet.

If the troops were forced to fall back on water they usually went sick, not on principle, but because it was seldom possible to find enough pure water to supply large numbers of men in the field.

Perhaps the most striking contrast between the army then and now is in the medical service. Modern surgery, blood transfusion, penicillin, and a whole host of other developments help a soldier to pull through, when, in the past, his chance of survival would have been non-existent.

It may be surprising that four hundred years ago the army had any medical service at all. It is probably less surprising that the efforts of the army surgeons of

the time usually did more harm than good.

In peacetime they followed the less arduous task of barber, and their main qualification to practise surgery was the possession of a sharp instrument in the form of a razor.

Every army doctor had his own patent remedy, which, as often as not, he would prescribe for all patients in all circumstances. Moreover, the absence of antiseptics meant that wounded men had to suffer further agony in having their wounds cauterized with boiling oil.

If on food and medical care the present-day private wins every time, much the same can be said for pay and prospects. True enough, the ranker today can hardly hope to amass a fortune out of his weekly pay-packet, but at least he has something to call his own, and he has a good chance of promotion, with its attendant financial benefits.

His sixteenth-century brother was in theory entitled to eight pence a day—which had the purchasing power of, perhaps, ten times that amount at the present time.

A generous enough wage at first sight, but its value to the private was considerably diminished by the fact that out of it he had to pay for his rations, uniform, and even the gun-powder he used in his musket.

The last was a condition which must have seriously reduced the army's rate of fire. The careful private, knowing that every time he pulled the trigger he was knocking something out of his next week's pay, would doubtless hold his fire in the hope that his more extravagant comrades would make his own shot unnecessary.

Balance

Holding the delicate balance between the protection of his pocket and his life must have given many a man an anxious moment.

By the time the private had paid for all the essentials of his trade there was precious little left—even if he were lucky enough to draw his pay regularly. This was the exception, however, and more often than not he could equip himself properly only by running into debt.

Lastly, what of prospects then and now?

Today the army gives equal opportunity to all. Every ranker has the same chance of proving himself worthy of a commission, and there was ample evidence in the late war that many made full use of their opportunities.

Four hundred years ago the ranker had virtually no hope of promotion. He might work his way through the non-commissioned ranks, and eventually become a lieutenant—right-hand man to the captain, who had the key post in the army.

If the captain died on active service, the lieutenant occasionally fell heir to his post, but as a general rule the captain's job was far too lucrative for anyone to hope to get it on his merits. The competition from the men who could buy their way into it was too strong.

The captain ran a company of about a hundred men, and by virtue of his position found it possible to swindle with impunity both the Government which employed him and the men whose pay and equipment went through his hands.

They would show on their records the names of more men than were actually with the colours, and draw pay for the non-existent privates, which they pocketed themselves.

Same Dodge

The same dodge was employed to get hold of extra quantities of uniform and other equipment, which were disposed of in the open market.

Surely there is no doubt that the ranker today is better off by far than he was then; but there is at least one particular in which there is nothing to choose between the soldiers of then and now.

Listen to one writing home in the sixteenth century from as tough a spot as ever fighting men found themselves in—a battered and beleaguered town on the point of collapse:

"Our ground is great and our men not so many, but we trust in God, and our valour to defend it. Since I followed the wars I never saw valianter captains nor willinger soldiers. I care not what may become of me in this world, so that her Majesty's honour will think me an honest man." How many times were sentiments just such as these voiced in the struggle that lately ended?

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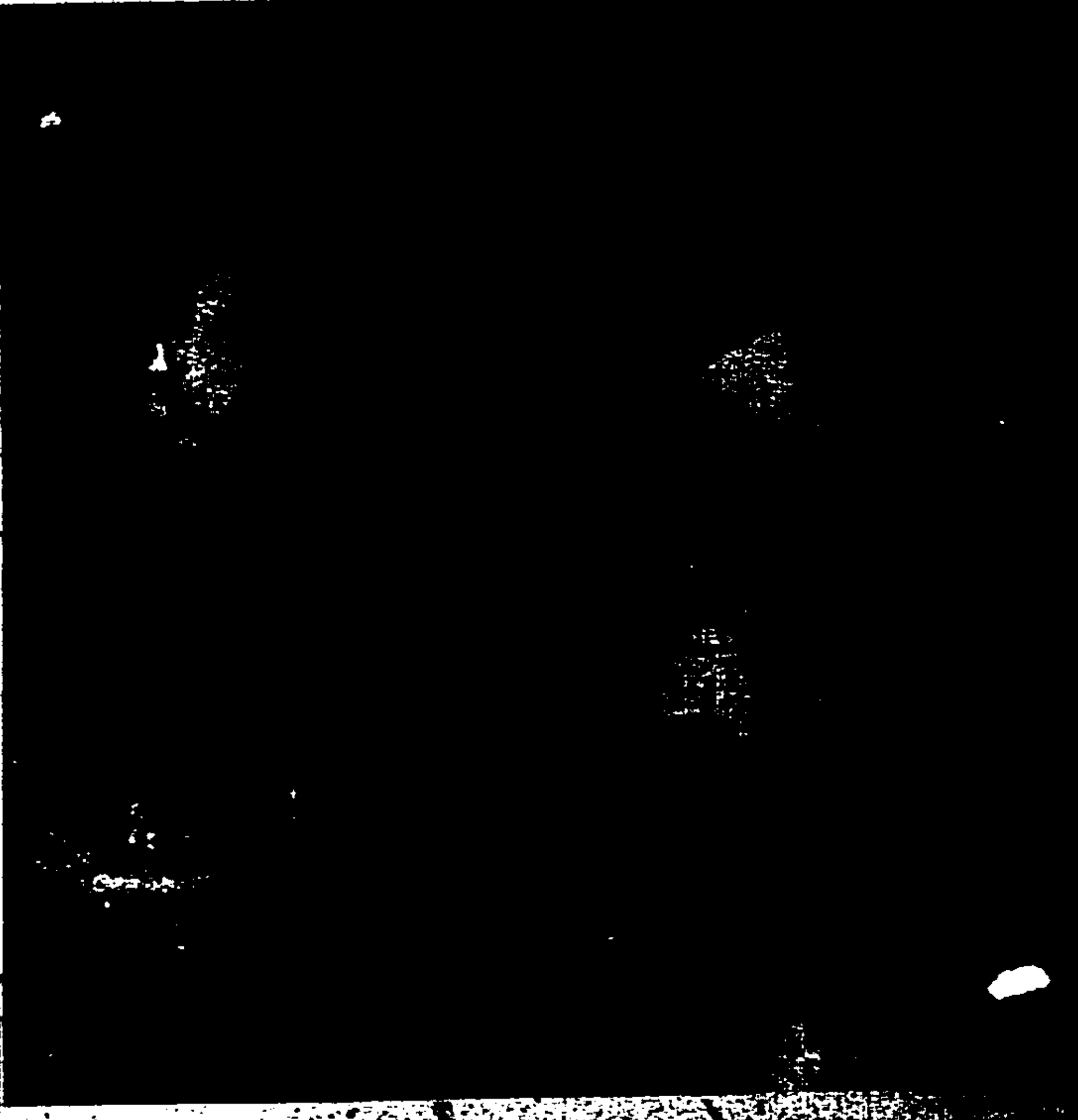
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FLAGSTAFF HOUSE WAS THROGGED LAST WEEK AT A COCKTAIL PARTY RECEPTION BY MAJ. GENERAL ESKINE, WITH CT. RITCHIE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SOUTH EAST ASIA, AS THE GUEST OF HONOUR. PICTURES ABOVE SHOW GENERAL ESKINE RECEIVING THE GUESTS, AND BELOW CAMERA CLOSE-UPS TAKEN WHILE THE PARTY WAS IN PROGRESS. (Press 104)



MR. R. A. C. NORTH, FORMER SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS, IS PASSING THROUGH THE COLONY ON HIS WAY TO NEW ZEALAND, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. NORTH. THE ABOVE PICTURES WERE TAKEN WHEN MR. AND MRS. NORTH PAID A VISIT TO THE ST. LOUIS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. (Golden Studio)



CHINA WON THE GOVERNOR'S CUP FINAL ON SUNDAY LAST, DEFEATING THE H.K. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM BY 2 GOALS TO ONE. ABOVE IS THE WINNING TEAM, WITH (RIGHT) AN INCIDENT DURING PLAY. (Golden Studio)



YIP KOON-HONG, WHO WON THE COLONY'S TENNIS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME ON MONDAY, RISING TO A HIGH BALL. (Golden Studio)



TSUI YAN-PUI (LEFT) CONGRATULATING THE COLONY'S NEW SINGLES CHAMPION, YIP KOON-HONG, AFTER THEIR STRENUOUS SINGLES FINAL MATCH ON MONDAY. YIP WAS A WORTHY WINNER. (Golden Studio)

STAN LEONARD SLIDES BUT IS OUT, IN THE INTERNATIONAL FASTBALL MATCH ON SUNDAY WHEN BRITAIN WON UNEXPECTEDLY OVER CHINA BY 11 RUNS TO NIL. (Golden Studio)



BEFORE THE WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. F. G. NIGEL. OTHERS IN THE
 PHOTO: MISS JEAN MITCHELL, MR. J. F. MACGREGOR, LT. COL. E. J. R. MITCHELL, MRS.
 STANLEY COCKE AND MR. M. M. WATSON. (A Gainsborough Picture)

GUESTS AT THE WED-
 DING OF MISS PATRI-
 CIA MITCHELL AND
 MR. F. G. NIGEL FROM
 LEFT TO RIGHT: MRS.
 NATALIE DAVIS, MRS.
 RAY MABB, MRS. ISA
 WATSON, AND MRS.
 BETTY HAYMES.
 (A Gainsborough Picture)

MISS JEAN MITCHELL, WHO WAS THE PRETTY BRIDESMAID AT HER
 SISTER'S WEDDING. (A Gainsborough Picture)



PRESENTED TO THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE
 BAY OF BENGAL, LAST SATURDAY, WHEN LT. GEN.
 RITCHIE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, EAST ASIA COMMAND, PRESENTED THE
 BANNER WITH A MESSAGE MARKING OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF
 THE BRITISH ARMY AND GIVES TO ESCAPING PRISONERS OF
 WAR THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION. PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS THE
 PRESENTATION. (French Wa)

ABOVE, BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES OF SAIKUNG LINED UP IN GREETING AT LAST SATURDAY'S
 CEREMONY. BELOW, A GROUP PICTURE OF GEN. RITCHIE AND ERSKINE WITH THE ELDERS OF THE
 VILLAGE. (French Wa)

"YOUR ACTIONS... WARRANT OUR GREATEST ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE." GEN. RITCHIE
 ADDRESSING THE SAIKUNG COMMUNITY WHEN PRESENTING THE BANNER. (French Wa)



"YOUR ACTIONS... WARRANT OUR GREATEST ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE." GEN. RITCHIE
ADDRESSING THE LAIKUNG COMMUNITY WHEN PRESENTING THE BANNER. (Frame #2).

"WORK OR WANT" SLOGAN FOR BRITAIN

Sir Stafford Cripps Puts Crisis Facts Before Country

Forms Led Him To Suicide

Paris, Apr. 19. Form filling is a nightmare which keeps not only Britons awake in their beds.

On Wednesday last Jules Bourcier, who lived in retirement at Croisilles, near Arras, told a friend that the filling of French income tax returns was "driving him crazy."

He said that with his pension, the interest on his savings, and the rents from an apartment house he owned, he would never be able to arrive at an honest declaration of his income.

The friend laughed the matter off. Last night, Jules Bourcier was found hanged in his bedroom.

Before his retirement he made his living for many years as an income tax surveyor.—Our Own Correspondent.

Cabinet Publicity Campaign

London, Apr. 18. If all goes well it may take Britain two years to "get out of the wood" in fighting her crisis of under-production, according to an estimate given today by Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade and at present Minister in overall charge of the production drive.

Sir Stafford was giving to the press outline of the Government's new publicity campaign aimed at putting the facts of the crisis before every British worker.

Central slogans of the publicity drive to be hammered home by posters all over the country will be "We are up against it" and "We work or want." Sir Stafford explained that "want" would mean "rent and serious hardship" with much less goods in Britain's shops than even now. At the same time, he stressed that "there is nothing wrong that we cannot put right" and that the situation was a "challenge to British grit."

Giant posters, showing, under the heading "What We Need," the principal economic bottlenecks that must be overcome by joint effort of the Government, management and workers, will draw attention on every factory wall.

Giving The Facts

In areas now working on short time for lack of coal, or raw materials, a special effort will be made to bring home the fact that these now wholly or partially unemployed can only be put back to work by great efforts of all the others.

One poster shows a new kind of "John Bull"—not a commercial elderly gentleman with a cane, but a young worker with a determined face.

Sir Stafford Cripps explained that the movement aimed less at exhortation than at putting the facts of the economic situation before the people to stimulate well-informed discussion about means to overcome the crisis in every workshop and every public house.

"The issue whether we mine enough coal to keep our industries going and to re-stock is not yet decided and our whole economic future is in the balance," he said. "In two of our great industries, cotton and wool, of whose products we and the world markets are woefully short, mills are often idle as many days per week as they work for the lack of coal."

More Miners

Sir Stafford spoke of hundreds of thousands on short time all over the country for this reason.

He disclosed that after a peak coal production of over four million tons in the last week in March, the two first weeks in April—before and after Easter—had shown a considerable falling off, due partly to absenteeism. During March stocks had increased by 130,000 tons in a month when they were normally still declining.

The most promising fact was the sustained increase in the number of miners, who by the end of

the first April week numbered 708,000—an increase of 10,000 since the end of 1946.

Industrial production figures now coming in for February and March reflected the dislocation caused by the fuel crisis. In some branches, as in the motor-car industry, production had picked up in March most of the February loss, but in steel production recovery is slower.

Storm Damage

The reduction in exports from the January peak of £212 million to £76 million in February and £62.6 million in March was probably not yet the end of the damage to British exports.

Turning to the damage caused to British agriculture by frost and floods, Sir Stafford gave as the Government's estimate that spring sowings of corn and wheat would be reduced by 200,000 acres. More serious, because it was more lasting, would be the effects of the loss of living stock. Hill farmers are estimated to have lost an average of one-third of their ewes.

In answer to a question, Sir Stafford denied any Government intention of buying German coal to relieve Britain's shortage.

"German coal is being allocated under international agreement," he said, "and we have no intention of taking what is needed by others."

Sky The Limit

Referring to the departure for Moscow today of the Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, Sir Stafford said that, despite the limited size of Britain's pre-war trade with Russia, there seemed no reason why trade with Russia should not be very considerably expanded.

"There ought to be a good market for British exports of machinery and industrial equipment and the Soviet Union ought to be a potential non-dollar source of many important materials we need, particularly timber. The tremendous wartime devastation of Russia has, however, made it extremely difficult for her to resume a substantial rate of export of commodities which we want, most of which are also urgently needed for her own reconstruction," he said.

Asked whether the British Government had any definite target in mind for increasing Anglo-Russian trade, Sir Stafford answered, with a smile, "The sky is the limit."—Reuter.

APPEAL FOR CHILDREN

London, Apr. 18.

Preparations for a scheme by which every man and woman in the world will be asked to give up one day's earnings to help to provide food and clothing for needy children in all devastated countries are being made by the International Children's Emergency Fund.

About 35,000,000 children in Europe and an equal number in the Far East need immediate help," declared Mr. L. Lubbock of the UNRRA here today.

It is estimated that for the next 20 years the Fund would need \$50,000,000 a year.—Reuter.

Super-Planes For Empire Routes

London, Apr. 18.

Twenty-five of Britain's fastest airliners, the Handley Page Hermes Fours, with a speed of 350 miles per hour, have been ordered by the Ministry of Supply for the British Overseas Airways Corporation's services on Empire routes.

This was announced today by Mr. Arthur Woodburn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, in a speech to the workers of the Cricklewood factory which produces Hermes airliners with four Bristol Hercules motors aggregating nearly 9,000 take-off horsepower.

The Hermes is specially designed for subsonic speed flying. Pressurised and air-conditioned, they have a cruising speed of 297 miles an hour and can carry 30 passengers and two tons of cargo. It is expected that delivery of Hermes airliners will begin next summer.—Reuter.

Mystery Of Missing U.N. Documents

Geneva, Apr. 18.

Colonel A. Roscher Lund, Secretary of the United Nations Balkan Investigating Commission, told the first open session of the Commission today that documents relating to its investigations had disappeared.

Col Lund said documents drawn up by the Commission team which investigated political deportees from the islands of Icaria and Cyprus and the village of Ayorian had been lost from the train which brought the Commission to Geneva. Only one box of documents was left on the train and it was broken open, Col Lund said.

Earlier, a Commission meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Mark Eridge (United States) adopted a report that a United States proposal that the Russo-Polish report on the meeting with the Greek guerrilla General Markos be considered a non-governmental document and distributed to delegates. The United Kingdom, Belgium, China and Australia opposed the proposal.

Russia's A. A. Lavrishev charged that "some persons" of the Commission purposely prevented contact with Greek guerrilla headquarters. He implied that somebody was trying to suppress information and "hide the truth."

The meeting considered a preliminary report on work so far. The Belgian representative, Lt-Col Maurice Delvoe, who headed the group into guerrilla headquarters and to see General Markos Vafiades, presented a report on the expedition and the reason of its failure to see Markos—because the majority decided to give up as a vain effort while the Russian and Polish delegates went on.—United Press.

Truman Advice To Siam

Washington, April 18.

A democratic and stable Siam can make a great contribution to the peaceful progress of mankind, especially in Southeast Asia, declared President Truman today, as he accepted letters of credence from the newly appointed Siamese Ambassador, Prince Wan Wan, to Washington.

"Although since the war there have been frequent changes in the administrative responsibility in your country," the President added, "it is hoped that as the war period becomes more remote there will be fewer occasions requiring governmental changes."—Reuter.

New Air Route To The Orient?

Washington, Apr. 18.

Alaska was pictured as vital to the defence of the United States and an important centre for future trade with Asia, as witnesses told the House of Representatives sub-committee today that they favoured statehood for the territory.

Interior Secretary J. A. Krug asserted statehood for Alaska is essential to American security. He added: "Alaska's national defence position is plain to all. We must develop its industry, agriculture, trades and professions to back up the defence plans of the Army and Navy."

Mr. Krug, referring to Alaska's strategic position in connection with future trade with Asia, said: "The Great Circle air route from San Francisco to Japan by way of the Aleutians is about 1,700 miles shorter than the old route by way of the Hawaiian Islands. It will probably become the principal air route to Japan and China."

Future Belgium?

Several members of the House, urging statehood for the territory, declared America cannot move too rapidly in establishing adequate defenses in Alaska.

Representative Crawford, Michigan's Republican, Chairman of the sub-committee, asked if this should not be done speedily "in the light of what is occurring between America and Russia now."

Representative Mansfield, Democrat, Montana, asserted: "My impression is we should have the best of defenses. Any attack might come from the north if there is another war and Alaska and Canada might be the Belgium of that conflict."

Sundry witnesses from Alaska also favoured statehood but one, H. L. Faulkner of the Alaska Miners Association, opposed. He said he represented Alaskan voters who opposed statehood at the election last autumn and add-

ed that these opponents were motivated mainly by irritations caused by territorial status.—Associated Press.

Typhoid Menace To Capetown

Capetown, Apr. 19.

Capetown has mobilised its entire public health services to prevent an epidemic of typhoid fever spreading still further before the Royal Family return to the city toward the end of April.

More than 105 cases have been reported since the beginning of the year and seven people have died. When the Royal Family arrived there were already 84 cases, and although every effort was made to trace the source of infection, doctors were unable to localise it.

The Government immediately asked the Capetown health authorities to take every precaution against contamination in milk and food for the royal guests. This check involved 100 blood examinations of all persons coming into contact with or preparing food for the Royal Family. All milk and cream supplies to the Royal party was personally supervised by Capetown's chief veterinary officer.

Since the Royal Family's arrival more cases have been reported, and these rigid precautions will be repeated on their return.—Our Own Correspondent.

Link-Up In Indo-China

Hanoi, April 18.

A French column, travelling from Ha Dong, west of Hanoi, to Hoa Binh on the Black River has linked up with the 500 parachutists which captured Hoa Binh last Tuesday, a communiqué from French military headquarters here stated today.

The Viet Nam troops who abandoned Hoa Binh took with them a number of French and native civilian prisoners who have been in captivity since Dec. 10.

A meeting between Mr. Charles Aeschlimann, international delegate of the Geneva Red Cross for Southeast Asia, and Dr. Ton That Tung, Viet Nam delegate, was held at a place near Hanoi yesterday with the view to negotiations on civilian prisoners detained by Viet Nam.

Mr. Aeschlimann was accompanied by Mr. Trevor Wilson, British Consul-General, and Mr. James O'Sullivan, American Consul in Hanoi, but neither of the latter took part in the interview.—Reuter.

New Atlantic Record

Shannon Airport, Apr. 18.

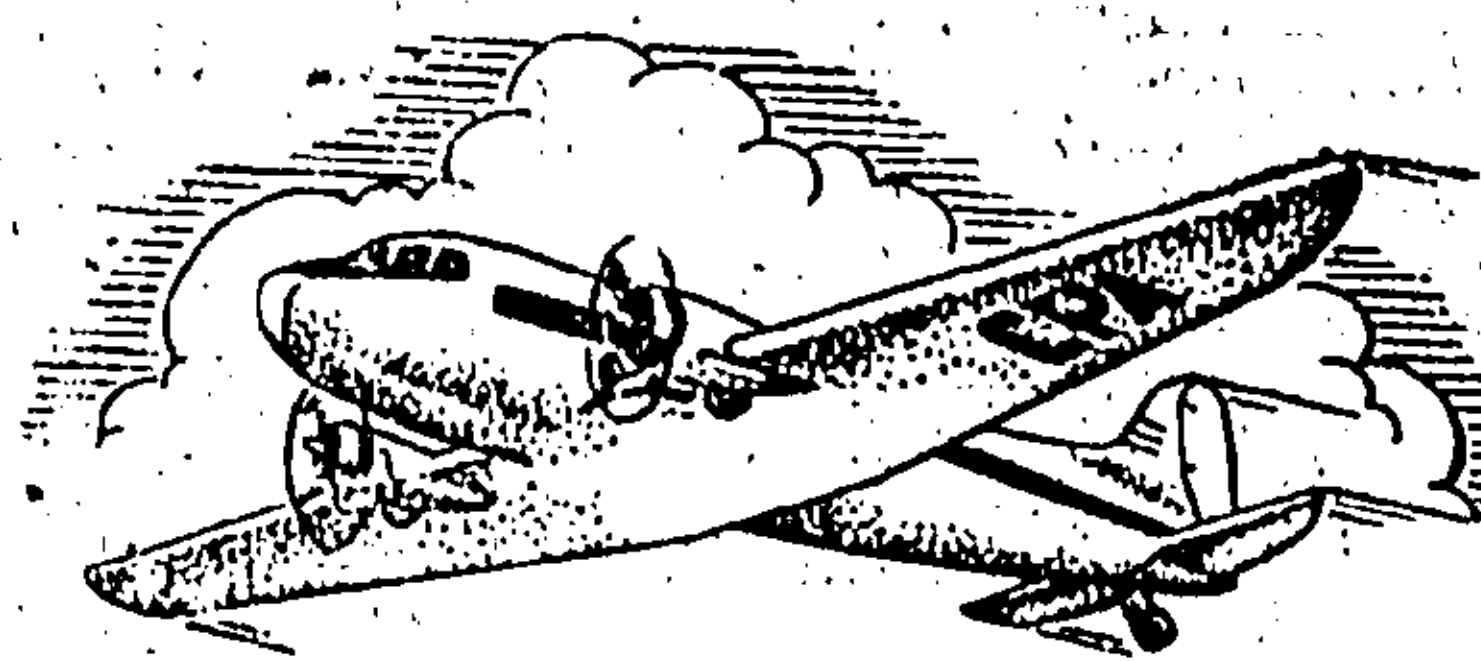
Pan-American Airways Constellation plane "Empress of the Skies" set up a new trans-Atlantic record, reaching Shannon Airport from Gander, Newfoundland, in 5 hours, 55 minutes, a company official stated here today.

The official record for the Atlantic crossing has been published by the Lockheed Aircraft Company—makers of the Constellation—as 4 hours, 37 minutes. The record-breaking plane carried 55 passengers.—Reuter.

RESULTS ON TRIAL

Holmdale, Apr. 18.

A group of juvenile prisoners accused of anti-aircraft sabotage for the Vietnam and Thailand, a local newspaper here stated today. The group was being held in the local prison.—Reuter.



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British Pilot Flew Rag-man Millionaire

Paris, Apr. 19.

The allegation that a British pilot received £2,000 for flying Joseph Joanovici, rag-man millionaire, out of France three weeks ago to a remote village in Derbyshire, is made in the French evening newspaper "Paris Presse."

The paper claims to have discovered that Joanovici, the 1947 Stavisky, has since been in Brussels, and is making arrangements to fly to Mexico.

Joanovici, a Rumanian Jew, lived on meagre earnings from rag and bone collections and municipal soup in Paris until 1939, but thereafter made \$8,000,000 out of selling scrap metal to the Germans and operating as a double agent.

The French Surete has now transmitted to Scotland Yard in London a request for information on how Joanovici was permitted to alight in Derbyshire from an aircraft, travel to Manchester where he collected his friend Fifi Lennanier alias "Fifi La France", and re-embark for Ireland.

"The Professor" Joanovici was wanted by the French police for collaboration with the Germans. It is also alleged that he sold information to both the British and German intelligence services during the occupation of France.

French intelligence officers report that Joanovici, while in London, had his passport renewed by a Swiss agent known as "The Professor" and that he was able to travel to Manchester and Ireland without being detected.

Joanovici is alleged to have been in contact with the German intelligence service in London and to have been involved in the sale of scrap metal to the Germans.

British Teaching Is Best

New York, Apr. 19.

Two English school teachers working in Cicero, a suburb of Chicago, under the Anglo-American exchange programme, think that the British educational system is best. They are Miss Irene Munro of the Kettering Open-air School, and Miss Hilda Thorndike who normally teaches at the Bedford Street School, Croy, Cheshire.

"The American school system is too lax," they say. "Children in America don't really get 12 years of sound education."

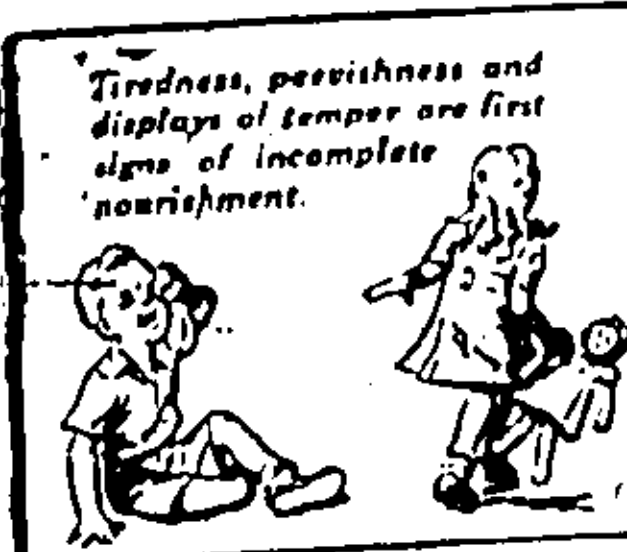
They deplore the frivolous attitude of American children towards their schooling. "Children here regard school as a game," they say. "They don't take it seriously."

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The British Navy Is To-Day A Mere Skeleton

When Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill gave a pledge, in answer to a question in the House of Commons, that his Government would not commit the same mistakes as were made after the First World War. "But," he added, amidst laughter, after a characteristically dramatic pause, "we shall probably commit new ones."

No one who has studied our history as an island people can doubt that the present Government is not only making new mistakes but is also repeating many of the old ones. It is, in particular, cutting down ruthlessly the Royal Navy at a time when no one knows what will happen in the next few years.

The Royal Navy is now a mere skeleton of what it was two years ago. Since the war ended ships by the score have been scrapped or lent, sold or given away to other countries, while those which remain under the White Ensign are so seriously under-manned that the officers in command of them do not know how they are going to "carry on." The net reduction in the past 12 months in personnel—that is after allowing for new entrants—has been no fewer than 327,000 of all ranks and ratings.

Our Will Be One Of The Smallest

What is the strength of the Fleet today and what will be its strength, say, three years hence, for it takes that time to build a battleship, aircraft-carrier or cruiser?

The Admiralty is silent. All that is known is that many of the men-of-war are "exceedingly old" and that only two destroyers are to be laid down in the coming year; that when the Home Fleet returned from its spring cruise it consisted of only one battleship, one aircraft-carrier, two cruisers and one destroyer flotilla, and all the ships were short of officers

and men. As for the sailors on active service, 44.5 per cent. are serving ashore; of 314 captains only 65 are at sea; and of 532 commanders only 100 have sea-going appointments.

The Financial Secretary of the Admiralty has declared that "we cannot hope any longer to have

By
Sir ARCHIBALD HURD

the largest navy in the world." It looks as though we shall soon have one of the smallest.

It is deplorable that the country generally does not realise that the safety from invasion and starvation is being bartered for a mess of pottage without any explanation of the purpose which lies behind the vigorous use of the economy axe. The effect must be to expose the country to the gravest perils.

The atomic bomb is, of course, a new and disturbing development. It may have far-reaching effects on the design and operation of ships of all types, ships of war and ships of commerce, but not for a long time; America holds the secret and we can trust her.

Until its influence can be estimated and suitable defensive action taken, we shall need a Royal Navy of adequate strength if we are to live in security, if our merchant ships are to be protected.

Same Mistake As Last Time

The Government is, in fact, committing the same cardinal error as was committed a quarter of a century ago. It was then claimed that we should not have to fight again by sea, so why go to all the expense of maintaining a strong navy? Ships were broken up and officers and men were "put upon the beach" without

much thought as to their welfare. The strength of the Royal Navy was reduced by about 75 per cent. of that, and of the price which had to be paid in human life after the Second World War broke out.

Our merchant ships had too few escorts, often of the wrong types, or none at all. Hundreds of heavily-laden ships were sent to the bottom of the sea with their crews as well as their cargoes.

Then the cry was raised by the Sea Lords. "We must have more men-of-war of all classes, battleships, cruisers, destroyers, submarines and so on, as well as men. Build, build, build."

But the Merchant Navy had also suffered in strength owing to unfair competition in the 'twelve-war years which the successive Governments had ignored. The President of the Board of Trade, alarmed at the prospect of heavy losses by enemy action, cried in his turn: "We must have more merchant ships to carry troops and essential cargoes. Build, build, build."

What happened? In the first

Hirohito's Carp Don't Know The Signs Are Down

I went fishing in the Emperor's moat today but I don't think Hirohito's imperial carp know that the 70-year-old "no fishing" signs have been taken down. I didn't even get a bite.

Nine-year-old Masaru Inui, who was fishing alongside me, caught a four-inch gold fish and it is his considered opinion that

big carp are not democratic enough at this stage to go for a lowly worm.

If I had not seen some of those big carp I would think there is a basis for the rumour that Tojo ate all the big carp during the last lean days of the war.

A lot of suspicious eyes were turned one me when I spit on my hook for luck. Apparently that is not good sportsmanship in this country. Nevertheless I followed that old custom, that my father taught me when I was a kid fishing in the creeks of Oklahoma.

No Danger
I figured I would need a lot of luck because there are so many fishermen lining the most, their poles looked like a bamboo fence.

There must have been thousands of Japanese out to hook those imperial carp, a practice that has been tabooed in the past. As far as the safety of carp is concerned, they still don't seem to be in much danger—especially not from this quarter.

A lot of my fellow fishermen were people who were hungry and who actually hoped to profit by the new Imperial Household order which now makes it legal to angle for the imperial fish. I had promised to give my catch to a United Press office boy. How will I face him now? I still don't know what was the matter. The worm was big and fat.

Masaru was using some kind of a bottle.

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"I think we are going to have to get a paste ball to get one of those carp we can see swimming around down there," he told me.

Of course paste balls are expensive and dear. You make them out of white flour, and there is very little of that to be had.

Masaru thinks that imperial carp have got to have something special. With their background they just were accustomed to having food tossed at them and now are totally unfamiliar with the practice of grabbing at morsels hanging on a line.

As for the big carp, several anglers showed us "crowned minnows" they landed. These were being kept alive in cans of water.

Although these fish can only be kept alive for a few days, they will be taken home and kept.

Now, however, I am

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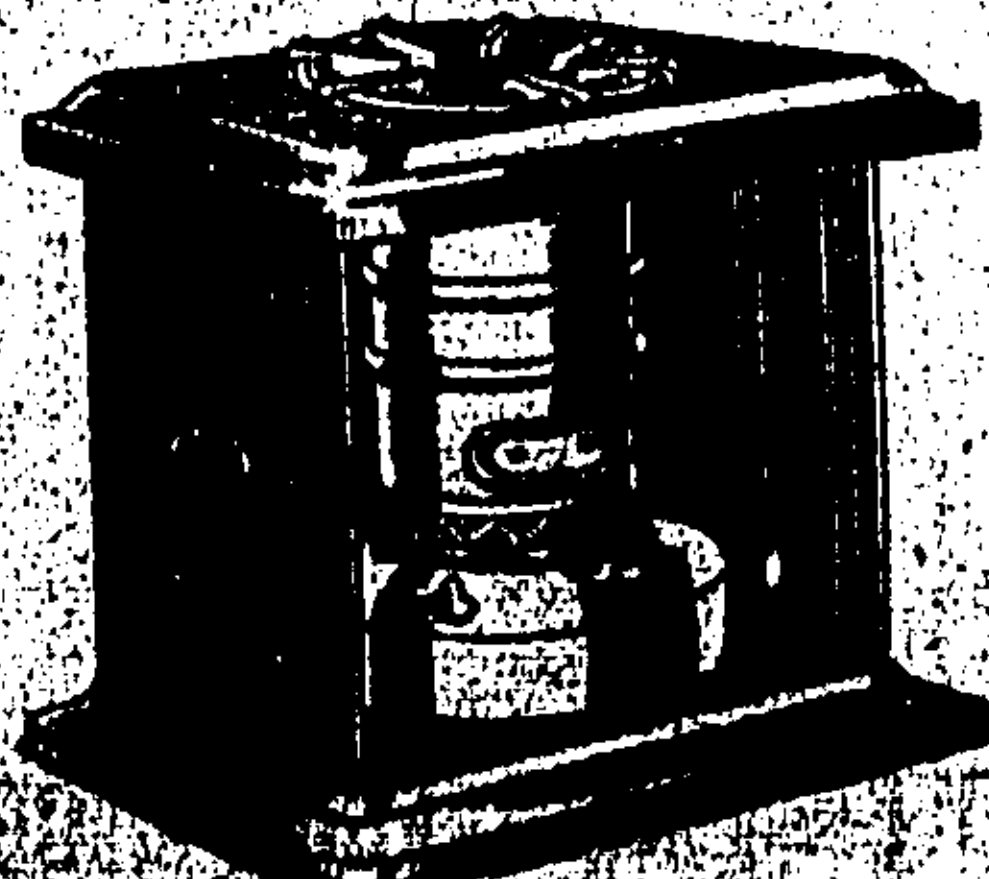


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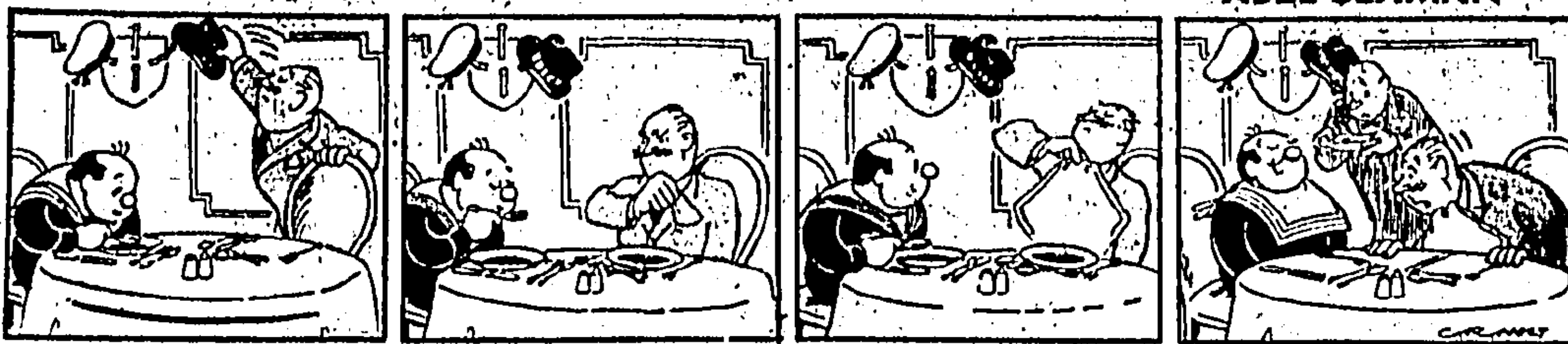
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The Mareth Line Re-Visited

It is strange to reflect that only four years have passed since the Eighth Army joined hands with the United States 2nd Corps and entered on the last phase of the Tunisian campaign. Already, on March 27, 1943, Rommel had hurriedly pulled out of the Mareth Line.

There, in seven days fighting, the Eighth Army had ousted him from his strongest defensive position between Alamein and Enfidaville, and Montgomery—his "left hook" never so viciously employed—had won the first pitched battle of the five months' pursuit from Egypt.

It is possible to argue that the story of Rommel's defeat at Mareth had started some six months before, when three men met secretly at a house in the Kasbah of Tunis. They were two vice-consuls of the United States, Mr. J. E. Utter and Mr. L. P. Springs, and a Frenchman, Gen. Rime-Bruneau, who had been Chief of Staff in Tunisia when the original French fortifications of Mareth were planned.

Mapped From Memory

On a table before them the three men had spread out a large-scale map of Southern Tunisia. Along the line of the Wadi Zizgaou, from the Mediterranean coast to the contours of the Matmata Mountains, Rime-Bruneau's pencil was moving. He was marking the positions of trenches, pillboxes and casemates, reproducing from memory the lay-out of the defences.

The Americans took the map to Algiers. There, soon after the Allied landings of Nov. 8, 1942, Rime-Bruneau joined them, having escaped from Tunis.

Now, with more time at his disposal, he revised and perfected his diagram. It was photographed, and a print was sent by air to the Eighth Army Command in January, 1943. It is a little-known episode, but surely one of the most interesting of the entire campaign.

Two years ago, in Tunis, the story was told to me by Mr. Springs. It was confirmed in detail by Gen. Rime-Bruneau. So far as I know, it has not previously appeared in any commentary on the Battle of Mareth.

Whether this special knowledge of the defences actually influenced the British plan of attack it will be impossible to tell until Viscount Montgomery

decides to publish his first book: "Eighth Army: El Alamein to the River Sangro."

Still Formidable

In the meantime, it may not be out of place to recall a visit to the battlefield, for this appeared to yield some evidence upon which a theory might be based.

The Mareth Line, completed by the French in 1939 as a

By Hugh Sutherland

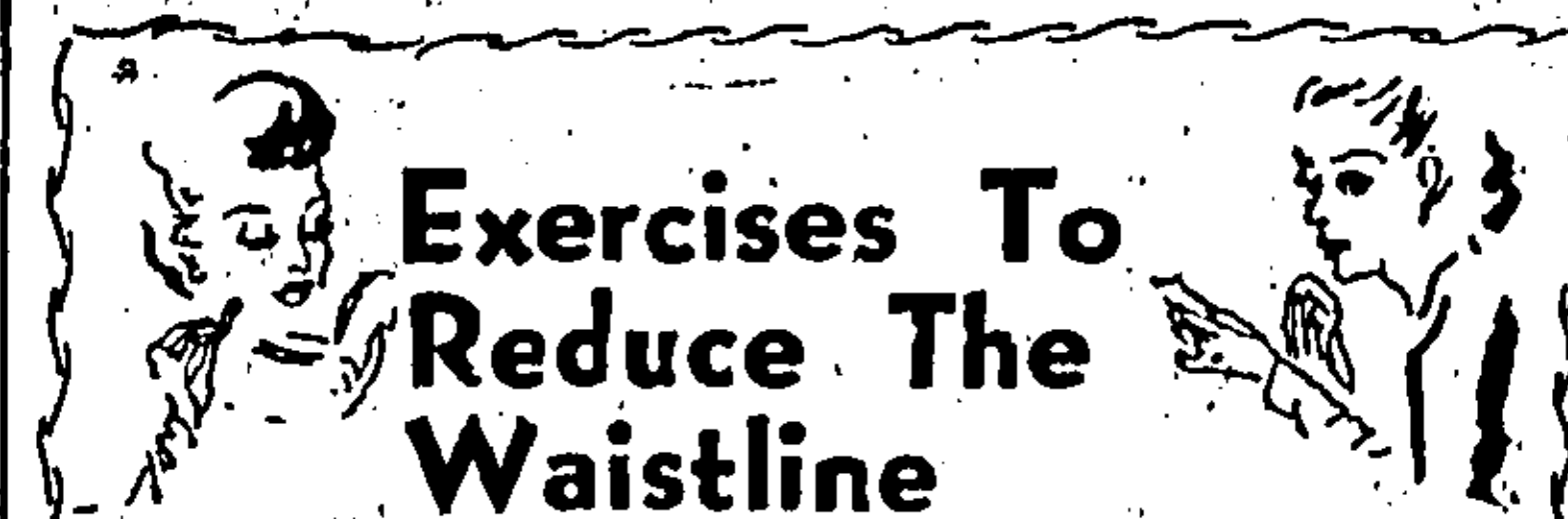
bulwark against Mussolini's designs on Tunisia, had been dismantled by the Armistice Commission after the collapse of France. The emplacements, however, remained. They were well concealed and cunningly sited. Manned by the Afrika Korps, Mareth was still formidable, and Montgomery was in a position to know exactly how formidable it was.

His plan has always been regarded as a double operation. A right jab, delivered by the 60th Division at the seaward end of the Mareth Line proper, was followed by a sweeping left hook at the narrow El Hamma Gap between the Matmata and Tebaga mountain ranges.

For the assault on the gap—the only possible route to the rear of the Mareth Line—Montgomery used Freyberg's New Zealand Army Corps, units of the Fighting French, and the British 8th Armoured Brigade subsequently reinforced by the 1st Armoured Division. It has been generally assumed that each attack was intended from the outset to be a major operation. But was it not? Did the right jab and the left hook claim equal importance in the mind of Montgomery?

In Gabes I met a French sapper, Lt. Bonmarin. He agreed to act as my guide through the minefields. Indeed, I was told that he was the only officer in the district who knew his way about the battle area.

Together we drove south from Gabes, swinging left just beyond the garrison village of



Exercises To Reduce The Waistline

By A Specialist

This week's article deals with that feminine skeleton in the cupboard as so many women tend to regard the very common problem of superfluous hair. There are several excellent ways of removing superfluous hair and it is entirely up to us whether we make use of them or allow it to continue as some sort of disfigurement that cannot be helped.

Here are some home methods for dealing with superfluous hair on the face; under the arms and on the legs:—

Superfluous hair on the face should never be shaved off. This only encourages the growth and makes it stronger. A fine "down" should not be tampered with. The best method

Mareth. As we approached the sea, the stony hillocks were gashed with gun positions. The deserted rifle pits were like rock cisterns of drifted sand.

Now we were nearing the point where the 60th Division had launched its frontal attack on the Wadi Zizgaou. We were inside the short-lived bridgehead. From the winding track I counted nine British tanks scattered over the slopes, the flotsam and jetsam of what he had been outmanoeuvred, mortal storm.

High-Water Mark

Here, half-way up the hill to our left, was the high-water mark—the tank that struggled on about 400 yards from the wadi. It had justified its name, Redoubtable.

Evidently it had blown up for the inside was a chaos of shattered steel. Its gun turret had been lifted bodily and thrown seven yards clear. The last cartridge-case was not ejected. Beside the wreck lay a paper-covered thriller, "The Atlantic Murders."

There to the right was another tank. Hood, with a broken track trailing far behind it.

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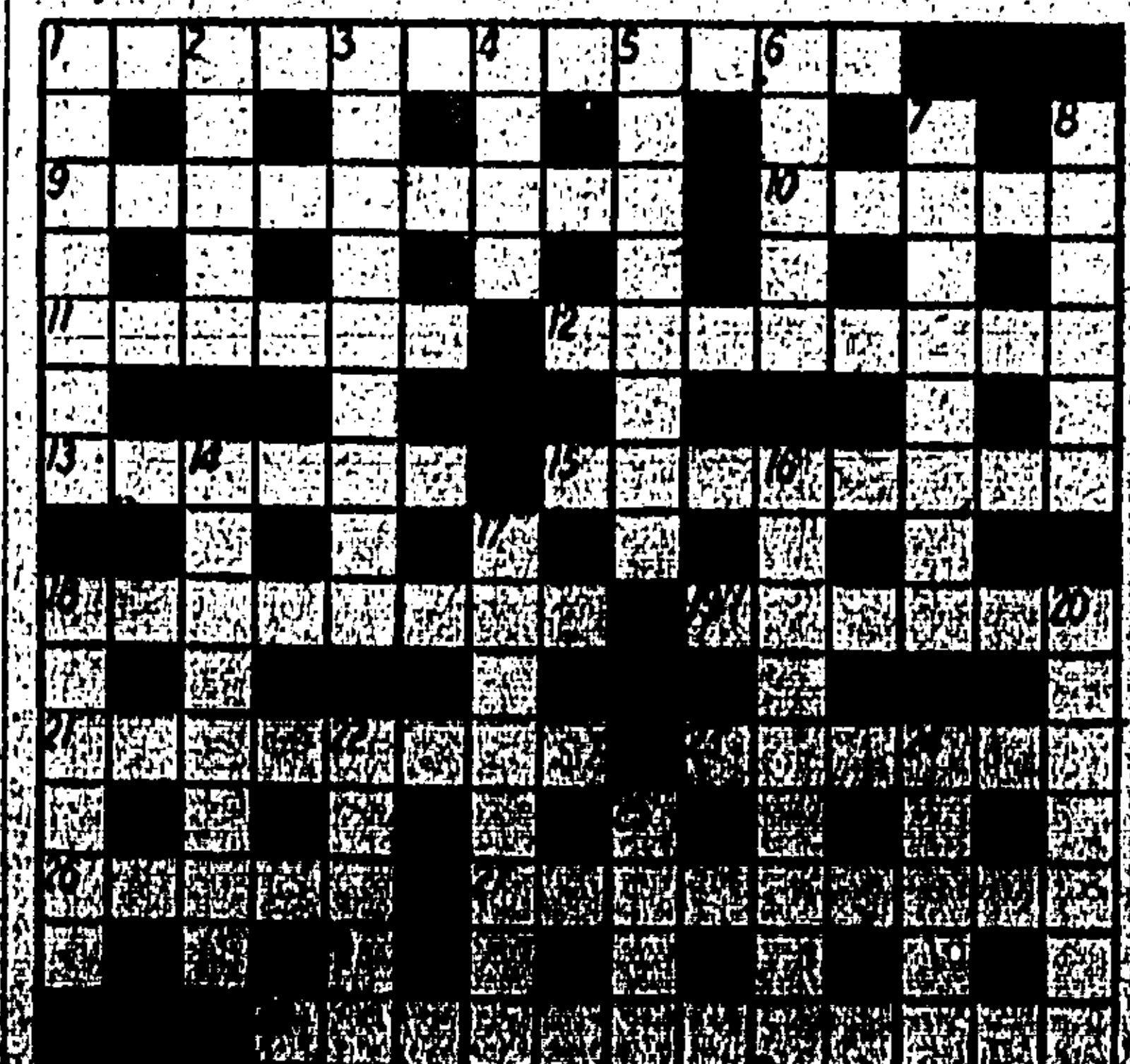
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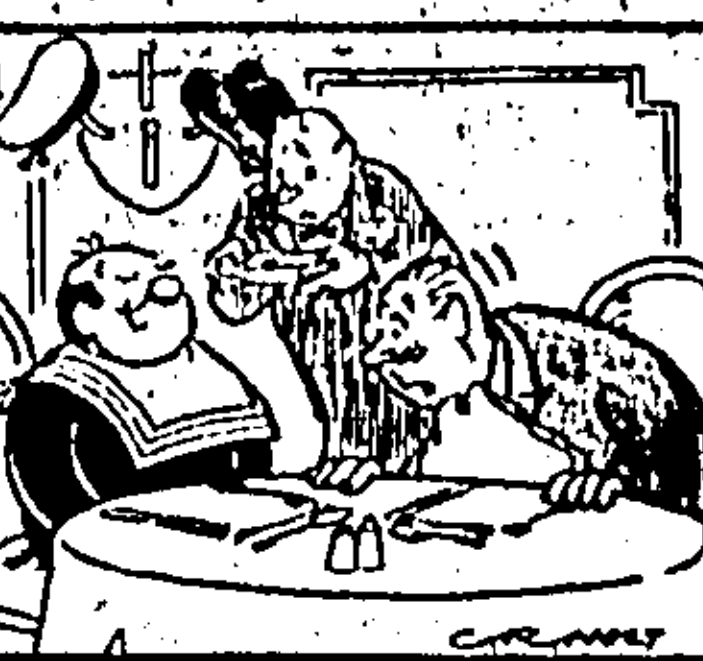
- 1 Not. Taffy's usual snack. (5, 7)
- 2 Told how the votes were checked again. (9)
- 3 Freckle. (5)
- 4 The very vehicle for Noel. (9)
- 5 Drinking places for cocky persons. (8)
- 6 Cultivator's description of Salvation at 21. (6)
- 7 Not, however, flying fish. (3-5)
- 8 He swears to go into service. (5)
- 9 Such a person usually looks a-fright. (6)
- 10 This doesn't mean a minute surplus. (8)
- 11 Can't they be? (6)
- 12 A disturbed reign. (5)
- 13 Space for putting? (5, 4)
- 14 Diana's own night-light. (1, 7, 4)
- 15 For mirroring the passing of time perhaps. (4, 5)
- 16 De Quincy's considered murder as one of the fine ones. (4)
- 17 Cheques need to be so backed up. (8)
- 18 Notice of a cable having been passed from one to another. (2, 3)
- 19 Flanist who can chase 8 R's. (8)
- 20 Gorgeous occasions. (6)
- 21 Reverse of what the leading jockeys do after the race. (8)
- 22 They are the limit at court. (4, 5)
- 23 Defender of a private life? (5, 3)
- 24 A rider should of course be added to this sum. (9)
- 25 He carries of what others have refused. (7)
- 26 Theatre for light productions no doubt. (5)
- 27 Might be a snappy little like. (5)
- 28 "Laid off the—, solo-sitting by the shores of old romance" (Wordsworth) (4)

Down

- 1 Such people are embarrassed by Labour. (4, 3)
- 2 Filthy thing to gain say. (5)



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WINSTON JOINS IN ABUSE Wallace Called A Crypto-Communist

Trying To Align Britain & Russia

London, Apr. 18.

Mr. Winston Churchill today obliquely attacked Mr. Henry A. Wallace as a "crypto-Communist" aiming to separate Britain from the United States and align her with Russia.

Without mentioning Wallace by name, Britain's wartime Prime Minister referred to the "visitor who lately has arrived from the United States."

Mr. Churchill explained to his audience of 6,000 members of the Conservative Party's Primrose League, gathered for a rally at the Albert Hall, that a crypto-Communist "is one who has not got the courage to explain the destination for which he is making."

"The object of this demonstration," Mr. Churchill said, in obvious reference to Mr. Wallace's speaking tour in Britain, "has been to separate Great Britain from the United States and to weave her into the vast system of Communist intrigue which radiates from Moscow."

In his accustomed mastery of sarcasm, Mr. Churchill continued: "I have travelled quite a bit myself. I am received abroad with much kindness in Europe and America, but when I am abroad I always make it a rule never to criticize or attack the Government of my country. I make up for lost time when I come home."

Mr. Churchill denounced Britain's Labour Government and its policies in one of his increasing rare non-Parliamentary speeches, delivered to the League that has been considered the core of the Conservative Party since it was founded during the Disraeli regime.

He charged the Labour Government with relying on American gold and squandering a loan which would have been justified only if it had been used to re-equip Britain's industries.

"It is certain," he said, "that prolongation of this system of denying rewards and sharing miseries will break the main spring of this British island and that it will be only a question of time—and not a very long time—when Great Britain will be unable to support the immense population of millions assembled here and that millions will have to migrate, or starve, or at best subsist on the charity of capitalist America, at whose very enterprise our Socialists mock and whose wealth they envy."

Relations With Russia

Mr. Churchill said Britain's policy toward Russia must be "one of honourable friendship from strength" and he immediately added, "But it must be made absolutely clear that we shall allow no wedge to be driven between Great Britain and the United States."

Mr. Churchill, who has been regarded as unfriendly by Russia since his speech last year at Fulton, Missouri, said patiently: "What is our policy toward Soviet Russia?"

"I say, with all sincerity, that our policy toward Russia must be one of honourable friendship from strength. It cannot be cowardly appeasement from weakness. We earnestly hope that all the peoples of Russia may be safe, prosperous and happy under whatever form of Government they choose."

"We wish them well and we will welcome every possibility of increasing trade and intercourse between our countries in order to give each of us better understanding of the other."

No Wedge

"But it must be made absolutely clear that we shall allow no wedge to be driven between Great Britain and the United States, or be led into any course which would mar the growing unity in thought and act, ideal and purpose, of all the English-speaking nations—indeed, of all the English-speaking nations which are spaced so widely, but joined by history and destiny."

Mr. Churchill concluded with a plea for patience with the toddling activity of the United Nations organization and wound up with the portentous advice: "If it is found that some nations wish to break away, the nations that remain must band themselves together even more strongly."—United Press.

Driven Into Ruin

London, April 18.
Britain was being driven into ruin, the Empire squandered and the Crown of India "shamelessly cast away," said Mr. Winston Churchill addressing a mass meeting of the Conservative Party supporters in London today.

Criticising the Government's financial policy, Mr. Churchill said: "The Socialist Government is living upon the American gold and is squandering with prodigal rapidity this loan, which can only be justified as a means of re-equipping our industries after the war, in which we made such extreme sacrifices."

Referring to the recent visit to Britain of Mr. Henry Wallace, former Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Churchill said that he was a crypto-Communist, "one who had not the moral courage to explain the destination for which he was making."—He had no patience, Mr. Churchill said, for men who used the hospitality of a friendly nation to decry their own.—Reuter.

More Labour Demands

Pittsburg, April 18.

The United Steelworkers Union of the Congress of Industrial Organizations have demanded an hourly wage increase of 23 cents in contract negotiations with the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, one of the biggest and most powerful in the industry.

It is thought that this demand could set the pattern throughout the industry, affecting tens of thousands of steel workers.

Agreement of a new one-year contract granting 75,000 workers a 16-cent hourly wage increase was announced today by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.—Reuter.

JEWS SET FIRE TO CAMP

Nicosia, Apr. 18.

It was officially stated tonight that the illegal immigrant camp at Carrados was set on fire today by illegal immigrants who attempted to break out. The guard opened fire and one was killed and six wounded.

Unofficial reports state that tanks and Bren gun carriers have been sent to the scene and the situation is still tense.—Reuter.

The Mareth Line Re-Visited

(Continued from page 9)

Beside it, I was told, was buried its namesake and commander.

We stopped the truck and walked on. In the cold winter sunlight the silence and the tension pressed upon us like a solid weight. I have never known such a timeless sense of the past. The place itself seemed to be holding its breath, waiting for the guns to speak again.

We crossed Rommel's deep anti-tank ditch, and so into the wadi along a causeway of oil drums. Beside the causeway lay the tank Hawkins, its doors swinging open. But for the red rust over all, you would have sworn it had just been abandoned.

With one exception, all the tanks I saw in the bridgehead were Valentines. Did not this suggest that Montgomery's right jab was, in the last analysis, no more than a feint, designed to distract Rommel's attention from the left hook? If so, it succeeded, for we know that German armour was diverted to put teeth into the counter-attack.

Is it possible that Montgomery, knowing the inherent strength of the Mareth defences, had determined from the outset to throw his main weight into the outflanking attack? To what extent was this anticipated by Rommel?

I hoped that a visit to the El Hamma Gap, the setting for the Eighth Army's decisive breakthrough on March 26, might provide the answer. Starting again from Gabes we drove through the dark green oasis of El Hamma into the narrow valley. Except for the occasional knocked-out gun, tank or vehicle, there were few signs of the battle until we reached the German minefields and the inevitable anti-tank ditch.

It was clear that Rommel had made full preparations to hold the vital gap and thus to forestall a turning movement. This was, hardly surprising.

Gen. Georges, the original French designer of the Mareth defences, had projected a switch line at the same point. The Romans, in the first century of the Christian era, had constructed a wall which can still be traced about a mile to the north of the German positions. One could not wish for a neater demonstration of geographical determinism.

Rommel's Mistake

Yet it would appear that here Rommel had made one crucial mistake. He had, in fact, fortified the El Hamma Gap, but not the nearest approach from the coastal plain, where he knew that the Eighth Army

Nylons Fill THEIR Sea-Chest

Baltimore, Ohio, Apr. 19.

Fourteen female Tars of the British Merchant Marine today carefully stowed supplies of nylons as well as La Corollera and prepared to weigh anchor for Singapore.

The female Tars are members of the first British merchant vessel to carry a mixed crew and this was their first port of call. Captain Mathew Frame explained that if the experiment works out, female sailors will be signed on their cargo and passenger vessels.

Russian and Scandinavian ships have been sailing with mixed crews for several years.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, Apr. 19.
Ship movements: The Elk Basin departed for Shanghai; the Capital Victory departed April 17 for Manila, Seattle—Tankers arrived from Nanyang, Frank, Kilgus, from Shanghai; John Mary Odin sailed for Yokohama and Robert Mills for Yokohama.
Portland: The Orient City arrived from Penang.—Associated Press.

was deployed. It was Gen. Rime-Bruneau who explained to me this extraordinary oversight. The route followed by the New Zealanders, the armour and the lorried infantry runs west from the main road and through the village of Ksar el Hailouf. About two and a half miles farther on is a narrow defile leading across the watershed of the Matmata Mountains. It is the key to the wide plain beyond, and likewise the key to El Hamma, where the plain is "waisted" by the higher ground.

The defile is commanded by French casemates, served by subterranean galleries. It was mined by the Germans, but never manned.

Outmanoeuvred

I asked Rime-Bruneau how we could account for such a mistake, miscalculation, or what you will. His reply was significant, coming from an expert who had worked on the fortifications from the beginning.

"One cannot tell," he said. "It is just as difficult to explain why Rommel made no attempt to hold the very strong defences at Ben Gardane and Foum Tatahouine. It is equally difficult to guess why he concentrated most of his force in the coastal plain, to the neglect of the defences in the Matmata Mountains."

The full story of Mareth has yet to be told. On one point, however, we may rest assured. Rommel conducted a masterly retreat from a critical position, but all his skill and resources could not conceal the fact that out-fought and outgeneralled.

TRIPLTS WITH A RECORD

Three dark-eyed youngsters, who made newspaper headlines when they were less than an hour old, are among Hong Kong's most recent newcomers.

They are Lillian, Allan and Patrick Fraser, aged 8, the first set of triplets to be born of European parents in China. The threesome, now staying with their parents, Inspector and Mrs. H. C. Timms, and an older sister, Norren, at the Harbour View Hotel, were born in Shanghai May 9, 1938. Their arrival caused quite a sensation in that community.

Already veteran travellers, the trio have two trans-Pacific voyages behind them. Leaving Shanghai in 1940 they spent the war years in Vancouver and Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. The family arrived here last week aboard the "Mount Greylock."

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Sing Tao Win The Senior Soccer Championship GUNNERS DEFEAT SOUTH CHINA BY ODD GOAL

Sing Tao Sports Club won the First Division Championship as the result of a well-deserved win over Chinese Amateurs yesterday, while their Junior team made practically sure of the junior title when they beat a strong Navy side by three clear goals all scored in the second half.

There were a number of surprise results in yesterday's football programme. South China, greatly jeopardised their chances of the runners-up position when they were beaten by 27th R.A. by the odd goal in five while at Caroline Hill, Devons, considered in many quarters as the best. Army team went down to Kwong Wah by three goals to two after scoring first.

At Sookunpoo Club created one of the biggest surprises of the season when they beat R.A.F. by 4-2. Club were full value for their money and led from the start and it is a pity that the Club do not take their football more seriously. Forrow returned to his usual position as centre half and played a great part in the Club's success. J. Strange, a youngster, gave a good display and with more coaching much will be heard of this youngster.

Leck in goal played the best game of the season and was instrumental in keeping the airmen attack out. Fielstead was another great Club defender while behind him Hopkinson was very sound.

Sing Tao v C.A.S.C.

Sing Tao won their Senior Division match against Chinese Amateurs on the Club ground yesterday afternoon by 3 goals to 1 and with it the Championship of the First Division for the current season.

Sing Tao fully deserved their victory. Although they were held to a one-all draw in the first half, they asserted themselves in the second period and completely overran the Amateurs, whose defence was subjected to a continuous bombardment.

Yu Yiu-tak, in the Sing Tao goal, had very little to do, but appeared to be somewhat shaky when called upon to defend his charge. Hau Yung-sang and Lau Tin-sun, the two full backs, gave another grand exhibition and delighted with some very hefty clearances.

Song Ling-sing, the pivot, was an able substitute for Hau Keng-sing. With the support of Lau Chung-sang and Fung Kwan-sing, two of the Colony's best wing halves, he was able to render the opposing forward line practically innocuous.

The Sing Tao forwards, led by that dashing live-wire, Cheung Kam-hoi, proved to be a lively combination in spite of the water-logged condition of the ground.

Fung Kung-cheung and Lai Shiu-wing, working hard and were always scheming for openings. The two wingers, Tso Ching-ting and Ho Yin-fun, were conspicuous of their fine speed and accurately placed centres.

For C.A.S.C., Yu Kai-yan gave a sound display in goal, although a better sense of anticipation would have enabled him to save the first goal scored against his side.

Of the two backs, Ho Kar-keung was the more outstanding and were it not for his fine display, Sing Tao would undoubtedly have scored many more goals. Hung Hing-yuk, the centre half, played a hard game, but was unable to cope with the clever and fast moving Sing Tao forwards. His wing halves were unable to hold Tso Ching-ting and Ho Yin-fun in check.

Win The Toss

Sing Tao won the toss and elected to defend the Leighton Hill end; the ground on this half was more water-logged than that at the town-end. The Amateurs started off with a dash, but were repulsed by the Sing Tao defence.

Sing Tao worked the ball up and from a pass, Tso Ching-ting sent in a fast drive which went a little too high. Amateurs went through and almost scored, but the ball landed in a pool of water and was cleared. Sing Tao were enjoying more of the ball at this stage and were opening up the play with long sweeping passes which seldom went astray.

From a breakaway, Amateurs had hard luck when the ball struck the upright and dropped dead in front of goal, to be scrambled away by the defence.

Shortly afterwards, Chin Chai-fai, gathering up a long pass, outpaced Hau Yung-sang and went through to open the scoring for Amateurs with Yu Yiu-tak out of his shirt. Sing Tao, in their turn, were unable to break through the Sing Tao defence.

Sing Tao started off with a dash after the breather and forced a number of fruitless corners. Lai Shiu-wing brought spectators to their feet as he sent in a terrific drive which just grazed the cross-bar.

The pace was beginning to tell on the Amateurs and they were, except for an occasional breakaway, penned in their own half of the field. Yu Kai-yan earned all-round applause when he punched clear four hard shots from close range in quick succession.

The Sing Tao forwards were not to be deterred and it was no surprise when they took the lead through Lai Shiu-wing, who scored from close range.

The Amateurs tried to break through the Sing Tao defence, but their efforts lacked punch and they were, without much difficulty, pushed back. The Amateurs' defence was fighting desperately to keep out the opposing forwards and were almost played to a standstill.

A few minutes before time, a penalty was awarded against Amateurs and Cheung Kam-hoi, who took the spot kick, made no mistake.

Full time arrived with Sing Tao worthy victors and Champions for the Season 1946/47.

27 R.A. v C.A.S.C.

Thanks to the brilliant goal-keeping of Craske, 27th R.A. created a big surprise yesterday when they beat South China by three goals to two after leading by three goals to one at the interval.

Such, the Chinese custodian was at fault with all three goals which beat him. He was very uncertain in his handling of the ball. The backs were rather weak under pressure, but the half back trio (Lau Wing-kong, Tse Kam-hung and Lo Wai-kuen) gave a brilliant display.

The best forward on view was Tse Kam-hoi, Chinese outside right. This va-taille player played one of the best games of the season. Time and again he had the soldiers guessing with his run down the wing and he was very near scoring on several occasions. His goal during the closing stages of the game was a gem.

The Soldiers played well. Craske, goalie, was their best player. Time without number he stood between the post and the Chinese attackers and he came off with flying colours. Blasei and Smout, the backs, were reliable and kicked cleanly.

Of the halves, Kershaw in the pivotal post had a tough time marking the Chinese forwards, he did well and was well supported by his wing halves.

Of the forwards, Pritchard was enterprising and scored his team's second goal with a grand header. Both Foster and Vaux, on the wings, were fast and a source of danger to the Chinese team.

Brilliant Save
The game started sensationally, within the first minute of play, Craske made a brilliant save when he kept out a shot by Vaux.

Shaw, Foster went through to crash home a winner. Undaunted by this reverse, the Chinese put everything they had into the game. Craske was not to be beaten and the Chinese forwards found him handling their shots with ease. After pressure, the Chinese equidiffed. The Soldiers came back strongly and bombarded the Chinese goals for some time. Kershaw drove in a hard shot which enabled Pritchard to flick the ball with his head into the net to give the Soldiers the lead. Inspired by this success they

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	
Sing Tao	Chinese Amateurs 3-1
Kwong Wah	Devons 2-0
27th R.A.	South China 3-2
St. Joseph's	Eastern 1-0
(Not played)	
SECOND DIVISION	
Sing Tao	Navy 3-0
South China	R.A.F. 2-1
Lau Fook	27th R.A. 4-1
Ki Chee	Devons 1-0
(Not played)	

came back and before interval Shaw scored the third goal. After the interval, the Chinese attacked strongly but found the defence in brilliant form, especially Craske. Tse Kam-hoi went through on his own and put across a good centre to Chan Tak-fai, whose strong kick was saved by Craske.

Hit Upright

Not long after, Chan Tak-fai was given another chance to score this time he hit the upright with Craske beaten. Pritchard made several fine runs down the centre, Chow Man-chi receiving a pass from Lo Wai-kuen sent Tse Kam-hoi through for the latter to beat three defenders and crash home a grand shot. From now on, it was a ding-dong struggle. Just before the end, Chan Tak-fai missed a shot.

It was a grand game in spite of the poor playing condition. The Chinese had themselves to blame for their defeat; they had many opportunities to score but their shooting was poor.

Sing Tao v Navy

Although enjoying as much of the ball as their opponents, Navy Juniors failed to take advantage of the opportunities which came their way. As a result, they

BENNY LEONARD DEAD

New York, Apr. 19. Benny Leonard, 59, former lightweight boxing champion of the world, died on Friday. He retired in 1931. Soon after the war started, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Service as a physical instructor. He retired from the Service last year with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander. Associated Press.

went down by three clear goals to Sing Tao on the Club ground yesterday afternoon. Cox, the Navy custodian, gave another creditable performance and could not be blamed for the goals scored against him. Young and Crumney, the two backs, were in fine fettle and never allowed the opposing forwards very much leeway.

The intermediate line of Martin, Steen and Foster, showed up exceedingly well and by their hard tackling and quickness on the ball, restricted the play of the opposing forwards.

Sing Tao kicked off, but the Navy gained possession and were the first to be on the attack; their finishing was weak. The Chinese had a good chance to take the lead, but Lai Shiu-wing was slow in following up the ball and Cox cleared without much difficulty. Stickson took the ball down and centred well, but the inside men were out of position.

Tang Kwong-sun raced through and passed accurately, with three of his own men in position, but they all missed the ball. Not long afterwards, Lee Tink-lee, the left winger, presented a similar opportunity, but once more the inside men failed. The Navy came in for their share of attacking and Stickson almost scored when he sent in a hard drive which Cheung did well to save at the expense of a corner. Dickson went through on his own and had the goalie out of his charge, but Mak cleared. Half time arrived without either side having scored.

Chinese Take Lead

Ten minutes after the restart, the Chinese took the lead when Cox failed to hold a hard drive from Lee Shiu-wing. The ball was already over the goal line, but Tang Kwong-sun rushed to make sure by sending the ball to the back of the net.

Tang was again in the picture with a fine sprint down the wing, but before he could get into shooting position, Young dashed across and cleared at the expense of a corner.

From a breakaway, Tam Woon-cheung net the Chinese further ahead when he drove the ball into the corner of the net. The same player again noted shortly afterwards. The Navy continued to fight back, but the Chinese defence was not giving anything away. There was no further scoring.

RASC v South China
In a Junior League match at Causeway Bay, RASC beat South China by three goals to two after leading by three goals to one at the interval.

Tennis Tournament

The Hong Kong Cricket Club Section of the Tennis Tournament will commence on Tuesday, and the events will be played in the following order.

Men's Singles Championship—First and Second Rounds.
Mixed Doubles Handicap—First, Second and Third Rounds.
Men's Singles Handicap—First, Second and Third Rounds.

Men's Doubles Championship—First Round and Semi-Finals.
Men's Doubles Handicap—First and Second Rounds and Semi-Finals.
Men's Singles Championship—Third Round and Semi-Finals.

Mixed Doubles Handicap—Semi-Finals.
Men's Singles Handicap—Semi-Finals.
Order of Finals will be arranged at a later date.

It will not be possible to provide umpires for all First, Second and Third Rounds, and accordingly, players are requested to arrange their own.

In the case of Handicap Events where players are in doubt as regards any point in connection with the handicaps, or where the handicaps are complicated for the players to take the score themselves, they should get in touch with the Club Secretary, Mr. J. J. G. Strickland, at the Club House, 10, The Arcade, before the start of the match.

men for all Semi Final and Final Matches.
On the request of players the dates of all matches will be arranged by the Official Umpire, and the matches to be played each day will be on the Notice Board at least 24 hours before; and, if possible will be published in the Press.

Should any player or players fail to turn up on any evening they are down to play, the Tournament Committee will have no option but to scratch such player or players, unless prior notice and good reason shall have been given.

The following is this week's programme:

MEN'S SINGLES
TUESDAY, APRIL 22
First Round

T. A. Water v B. T. Macdonald.
K. M. Gutter v J. A. Cooper.
O. B. Turville v J. H. Smith.
J. K. Wilson v B. Deakin.
G. E. Strickland v T. J. Gould.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
First Round

B. C. Yau v F. S. M. Day.
C. W. Savory v H. J. Goss.
A. C. Goss v H. J. Goss.
G. E. Strickland v T. J. Gould.

Major League Baseball

New York, Apr. 18. Today's Major League baseball scores were:

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia Phillies	7	9	2
Boston Braves	10	9	1
Phillies: p. Jurisch, Donnelly; c. Semnick.			
Braves: p. Barrett, Lafrance; c. Mad.			
Brooklyn Dodgers	4	7	1
New York Giants	10	12	3
Dodgers: p. Lombardi, Chandler, Behrman; c. Bragan.			
Giants: p. Koso; c. Cooper.			
The Giants blasted five home runs, including two by rookie Bob Thomson.			
Cincinnati Reds	11	15	2
Pittsburgh Pirates	12	15	4
Reds: p. Beggs, Lambert, Malloy, Polivka; c. Mueller.			
Pirates: p. Ostermuller, Herzog, Heintzelman, Bonham; c. Jarvis.			

American League

	R.	H.	E.
Boston Red Sox	9	8	0
Philadelphia Athletics	3	7	1
Red Sox: p. Ferris; c. Wagner.			
Athletics: p. Savage, McGahan, Christopher; c. Rosar.			
New York Yankees	7	14	1
Washington Senators	0	8	1
Yankees: p. Reynolds; c. Robinson.			
Senators: p. Newsum, Harris, Canlin; c. Evans.			
Detroit Tigers	2	4	1
Cleveland Indians	3	3	0
Tigers: p. Trucks; c. Tebbets.			
Indians: p. Embree; c. Heggen.			
St. Louis Browns	0	5	0
Chicago White Sox	1	8	0
Browns: p. Potter; c. Moss.			
White Sox: p. Rigney, Papish; c. Trach.			
White Sox's first rookie Dave Philley singled in driving Floyd Baker with the only run.—United Press.			

Pitcher Sold

St. Louis, Apr. 18. The Cardinals sold right-handed pitcher Johnny Beasley to the Braves for cash. Beasley won seven and lost five for the Cardinals last year.—United Press.

Dodgers' New Manager

New York, Apr. 18. Burt Shotton, veteran major and minor league manager and coach, has been appointed manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers succeeding Leo Durocher.

Shotton has not had a fulltime baseball job since 1945 when he was dropped as coach for the Cleveland Indians after four years. He served as a capable shooter for the Dodgers' training base at Pensacola five weeks this spring. He was given a one-year contract at undisclosed terms.—United Press.

2,000 Guineas Callover

London, April 18. The callover at the Victoria Club tonight on the Two Thousand Guineas, running at Newmarket on April 30:

Two to one Tudor Minstrel offered, 85 to 40 taken. Three to one Petition offered, 100 to 30 taken. 100 to 7 Goldborough and Parisien, 100 to 6 Migold, 20 to one Ranjit and Saravan, 25 to 1 Combat, 33 to 1 Sayajaro, Kingsclere and Flaxton, all offered.

The callover on the Derby, running at Epsom on June 7: Seven to one Tudor Minstrel offered, 100 to 8 Blue Train offered, 100 to 7 taken. 100 to 8 Petition, 20 to 1 Parisien offered, 25 to 1 Goldborough, Saravan, Merry Guise, Fire Mantle, offered, 33 to 1 Permantent Way offered, 40 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Combat, Flaxton and Stockade, 40 to 1 Nobuchadnezzar and Grand Weather offered.

The cards for the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby were called over at the Victoria Club for the first time this season tonight, but there was very little betting on either race.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA'S TEST TEAM

London, Apr. 18. South Africa's cricket team, which will play five Test matches against England in the course of a summer tour of the United Kingdom, reached Southampton in the liner Captown Castle on Friday.

Alan Mills, captain of the South Africa team, Oxford University cricketer, played in the first Test match against England at Lord's on Saturday. He was the only South African to score in the first Test.

Today's Interport Home Soccer Match Football Results

Flushed with their recent victory over the Combined Services (whom they beat on Friday by the odd goal in five) Saigon are confident of success against Hong Kong in the official Interport game at Causeway Bay at 5 p.m. today.

The game will be of 80 minutes duration, with 20 minutes extra time in the event of a draw at full time.

Hong Kong are using only three Service players—Powell, Sewell and Sullivan—and with the inclusion of Airoso, their star pivot and best exponent of the third back game, ably supported by Lau Chung-sang and Fung Kwan-sing, are also confident of success.

Saigon complained at their last outing of the hard state of the ground, but with the continual drizzle of the past 48 hours conditions underfoot should suit the visitors better. Hong Kong's attack is a fast-moving one, with each of the five forwards a danger in the shooting area. Sewell will lead the attack and he will receive better support than he did last Friday, from Chau Man-chi, his inside left.

Sullivan, who scored the best goal of the game on Friday, will have the speedy Tso Ching-ting as his winger and should be able to ply this speedy Chinese winger with good passes, most of the danger to the Saigon defence will emanate from this quarter.

Saigon is relying on practically the same team which served them so well on Friday. Paveot will again occupy the pivotal position with Momosa at right half. They will again lead the attack.

Hong Kong will be represented by: Powell; Hau Yung-sang and Tso Kam-hung; Lau Chung-sang, Airoso and Fung Kwan-sing; Tse Kam-hoi, Sullivan, Sewell, Chau Man-chi and Chau Tso-ting.

Reserves: Craske, Dear, Sheppard, Stoen, Gosano, Chui Wing-Keung.

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A portion of the stand—for which there will be no advance booking—has been set aside for the public; admission will be by voluntary contributions at the gate.

England Ties With Wales

Twickenham, Apr. 19. England beat France by six points to three in the Rugby Union international match played here today.

A try scored by R.H. Guest in the 35th minute enabled England to lead France by three points to zero at half-time in the season's final Rugby international.

Earlier, play was dominated by the defences and there were few really combined moves owing to spilling tactics at both ends.

Penalties were frequent but little danger resulted apart from one occasion in the second minutes when, following an off-side at half-way, J. Heaton, England's captain essayed a kick which just failed.

Heaton failed to convert Guest's try. Alvarez was always a safe full-back for France and several times averted danger to his side by safe kicking.

The second half was only ten minutes old when France drew level, following a scrumage infringement by England; Prat dropped a glorious goal from the resulting penalty.

Thereafter France made several bids at dropped goals but all failed. England's defence frustrated several efforts by France who showed better passing tactics than their rivals.

When a draw seemed likely with only five minutes to go, Newton, Phoenix broke away and gave to the new cap, V. Roberts, who with a clear run to the line brought the crowd to their feet and the famous Twickenham roar echoed through the stands as he scored a try.

Newton, whose kicking was not as accurate as he had been in the first Test, failed to convert the try. Heaton, who had been in the line for the first time, failed to convert the try. Heaton, who had been in the line for the first time, failed to convert the try.

Kho Sin-Kie Memorial Service

A memorial service for the late Kho Sin-kie, former Chinese Davis Cup player, was held at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday afternoon. The exhibition tennis games that were to follow were washed out by rain, but will be played today, if the weather clears up.

The memorial and exhibition, organised by the China National Amateur Athletic Federation, are to raise funds for a memorial to the late Mr. Kho.

The opening address, eulogising the late Mr. Kho, was read by Mr. Ngan Sing-kwan, Chairman of the Federation. He was supported by Mr. W. C. Choy and Mr. Tui Wal-pui, who were Mr. Kho's teammates in the Davis Cup matches.

Lee Wai-long said the death of Mr. Kho was a great loss to international sporting circles and to China. Mr. Kho, he said, won the Java singles championship when he was only 18; he was the first Chinese player to be seeded at Wimbledon in 1938.

Dr. Kho Han-po thanked the organisers and the speakers for the fine tributes paid to his deceased nephew.

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Today's Matches

Mixed Doubles—Holden & Miss Zivnooff v Paul Kong & Mrs. Lilton.

Singles—W. C. Choy v Ip Koon-hong.
Singles—George Chao v R. Segalen.

Doubles—Chao & Ip v Tui Brothers.

No Fights For Bruce Woodcock For Six Months

Leeds, Apr. 19. The broken jaw he suffered in his bout with Joe Baksi will keep Bruce Woodcock out of the ring for at least six months, his doctor predicts.

The British heavyweight champion, a patient in Leeds' Infirmary, was described as "quite satisfactory" but will remain here until a special splint has been fitted to his jaw.

Baksi won the fight on Tuesday by a technical knockout in the seventh round.—Associated Press.

Softball Again

(By "Neutral")
At a meeting of the Committee of the Fastball League it was decided to change the name of the game back to softball.

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London, Apr. 19. The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division

Bolton	0	Wolves	3
Charlton	2	Arsenal	2
Chelsea	1	Huddersfield	0
Grimaby	2	Derby	0
Leeds U	1	Villa	1
Liverpool	1	Sunderland	0
Manchester U	4	Blackburn	0
Middlesbrough	1	Blackpool	1
Preston	1	Portsmouth	1
Sheffield U	2	Everton	0
Stoke	3	Brentford	1

Second Division

Barnsley	0	Sheff. C	2
Birmingham	1	Luton	0
Bury	1	Bradford	2
Coventry	3	Bury	1
Newcastle	1	Leicester	1
Notts For	2	Fulham	1
Southampton	3	Sheff. W	1
Swansea	1	Cheshfield	2
Tottenham	2	Millwall	1
West Brom	2	Plymouth	5

Third Division South

Bristol R.	1	Exeter	0
Palace	2	Northampton	2
Ipswich	2	Bournemouth	1
Leyton O.	0	Swindon	0
Mansfield	0	Hartlepool	3
Queen's P.R.	1	Bristol C	0
Reading	1	Notts Co.	1
Southend	1	Port Vale	1
Torquay	0	Albion	1
Walsall	2	Norwich	2
Watford	2	Cardiff	0

Third Division North

Bradford C.	2	Gateshead	2
Carlisle U.	4	Tranmere	2
Hullfax	0	York City	3
New Brighton	0	Chester	3
Oldham A.	0	Hartlepool	0
Rochdale	1	Rotherham	U. 1
Southport	0	Doncaster	R. 5
Stockport Co.	3	Crewe	Aling 2